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"Flamingo Fling" Grand Success For Diana



AT THE PACKED FLAMINGO FLING to benefit the medical expenses of Granger School teacher Diana Sands, manning the bake sale were, from left - Bev LeClair, Mary O'Keefe, Jeanne Carra, Barbara Rubin, and Janice DeFilipi. RELATED PHOTOS IN FAMILIES SECTION. The Fling was held November 15th at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



YOUNG RYAN RICHARDSON gets his face painted by clown Michelle Brochu at the Flamingo Fling to benefit Granger School teacher Diana Sands. The event, which drew a wall-to-wall crowd in the Polish American Club's pavilion, was held November 15th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At School Workshop...

9th Grade Moveup Coming; Class Shakeup Proposed

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

A steering committee from Agawam High School presented recommendations to the School Committee during a poorly attended public workshop last Tuesday. Town Councilor Joanne Willis, who was present, suggested the School Committee hold a public hearing to allow parent and student input on changes proposed for next year.

Beginning in 1991-92 school year, ninth grade will become part of AHS, making it a four-year high school. The steering committee recommended that the high school adopt a new pilot program in the social studies department for all grades to be grouped heterogeneously.

The steering committee has been working on this and other proposals for the past six months. It is chaired by Computer Coordinator Russell Ramah and comprised of members Gabriel Charest, AHS assistant principal; Arlene Mazza, Business Department chairwoman; Ed Merrill, Social Studies Department Chairman; and Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo.

Ramah said, "This proposal would create a change in some of the philosophy of the school. We presently have four homogeneous groupings by ability, general, college, high ability, and A.P. advanced placement (a higher ability).

"We would like to mix the ability groups together. In heterogeneous groups everyone in general, college, and high ability groups would be mixed in the same classes," Ramah said. Advanced placement would remain separated because they allow students to earn college credits from standardized tests after course completion.

Ramah added, "This seems to be where education is turning to at this point. There is no proof that the ability grouping we currently have is working. Studies are finding that heterogeneous works. It is a better system than what we have for several reasons."

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski said that the steering committee "should have provided us with more research material" and that she "would strongly propose 15 credits for the areas of science and math" (mandating those subjects for three years).

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**West Side Stops AHS
Turkey Day - SPORTS**

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE - from Page 1...

Ramah said that "Merrill was very much in favor of trying this pilot program," and that "business, foreign language, and home economics areas are already heterogeneous. Self-selective areas such as math and science don't usually lend themselves to heterogeneous grouping, but social studies and English work very well."

Ramah said mandating math and science for three years would mean "taking classes away from subjects such as computer and art areas."

School Committee member David Cecchi agreed, saying, "I think you have to leave some leeway for the student."

Cavallo added, "Sixty percent of students take three years of math and 40 percent (advance placement students) take four years of math." Cavallo also talked about deemphasizing the "weighting" of courses and class ranking. He said institutions such as Boston University and Bentley College had told him they receive transcripts where there is no ranking. "These schools said they used other factors to evaluate such as high school records, what types of classes were taken during high school, S.A.T.s, extra-curricular activities, and the overall student," said Cavallo.

A proposal that the physical education grade point average be eliminated was also recommended. Mrs. Kozloski said, "These courses are necessary for the welfare of the children. I recommend this proposal be reconsidered."

Ramah replied, "The physical education grade is subjective," and a discussion ensued with an exchange

of many different opinions.

Mrs. Charest presented some data from conferences she has attended. She said she was dismayed that the attention span for "straight lecturing" at the high school level was only eight to 10 minutes, and 12 minutes at the college level. "Cooperative learning in a heterogeneous grouping allows for general students to increase self-esteem," she said. She added that teachers would still give higher ability students more academically challenging work.

School Committee member Linda Galarneau said, "Everyone has a different ability of learning and you are putting a lot of responsibility on the teacher."

Mrs. Charest responded, "Part of the training for the teacher includes a system called the buddy system" (where more able students help tutor their peers).

Ramah also asked the School Committee to increase the current 80-credit requirement to 105 credits for graduation from the four-year high school. "This would only affect the 1995 class."

"The classes above 1995 will still be under the old system of 80 credits for graduation," according to Cavallo.

Ramah also proposed that all ninth grade students take a mandatory half-year computer science course and a half-year health class.

"We want to establish a 'Move Up Day' for both ninth and 10th graders to be the only grades in the school on the first day of school in 1991. We are working on a 'Parent Move Up Day' for this spring to have them know what's going on as well as the students," said Ramah.

Censure Of Ennis Sought By Dziardziel For Bitzas Incident

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Vivian Dziardziel on Monday will ask her fellow Town Councilors to censure Thomas Ennis for his use of profanity during the November 19th session.

Ennis insulted and "used profanity" towards Councilor George Bitzas during a heated debate over a potential \$50,500 expenditure for a one-time bulk trash collection, according to Mrs. Dziardziel.

Ennis has both acknowledged making the remarks and has also maintained in the press he will not apologize for his actions or his words to Bitzas.

The issue of the springtime bulk collection passed 6-2 at the council's November 19th meeting, but on the way to that successful vote the council may have sustained a fatal blow. Councilors Joanne Willis, Jessie Fuller and Bitzas walked out of the meeting in a gesture of protest over the lack of immediate censure or response to Ennis' outburst.

On the council floor, Mrs. Willis maintained that the order for the bulk collections was illegal, citing a five-page letter from Town Solicitor Thomas Locke in support of her position. The measure passed despite Locke's ruling.

The heated battles of the council chambers could spark again on Monday since Bitzas and Mrs. Dziardziel both feel a censure, or a minimum of a formal reprimand of Ennis is essential, and are placing the items on the December 3rd agenda.

"We are not asking that he [Ennis] be removed from his seat," Bitzas explained in a Tuesday interview. "But there must be an example that this kind of behavior is not tolerated."

One year into his term as a first-time councilor, Bitzas admits he's disappointed with this 11-member board's inability to work together. Bitzas was the top vote-getter by a substantial margin in the November 1989 town elections.

"We were elected to change things. And we've tried to do many things. But some councilors keep doing 180 degree turns from their original positions," he comments, referring to issues of trash fee, open space, land acquisition, and zoning as classic examples of several councilors flip-flopping their votes.

"They start in one direction and then change their votes," he says.

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LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 6, 1990 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 680 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Silverado Development Corp. for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Hendom Meadows." This proposed revision is a request for waiver of sidewalks on one side of Memory Lane and Hendom Meadow Drive.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, December 6, 1990 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 680 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Westwood Homes, Corp. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Horizon Heights." This proposed subdivision will consist of two lots to be located on the westerly side of South Westfield Street.

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Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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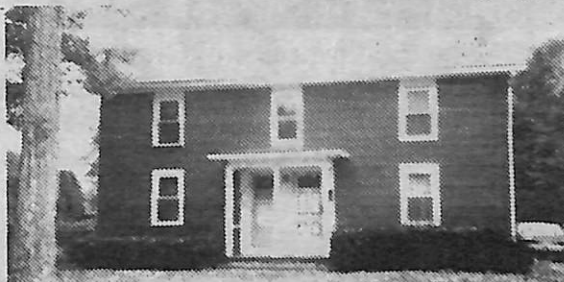
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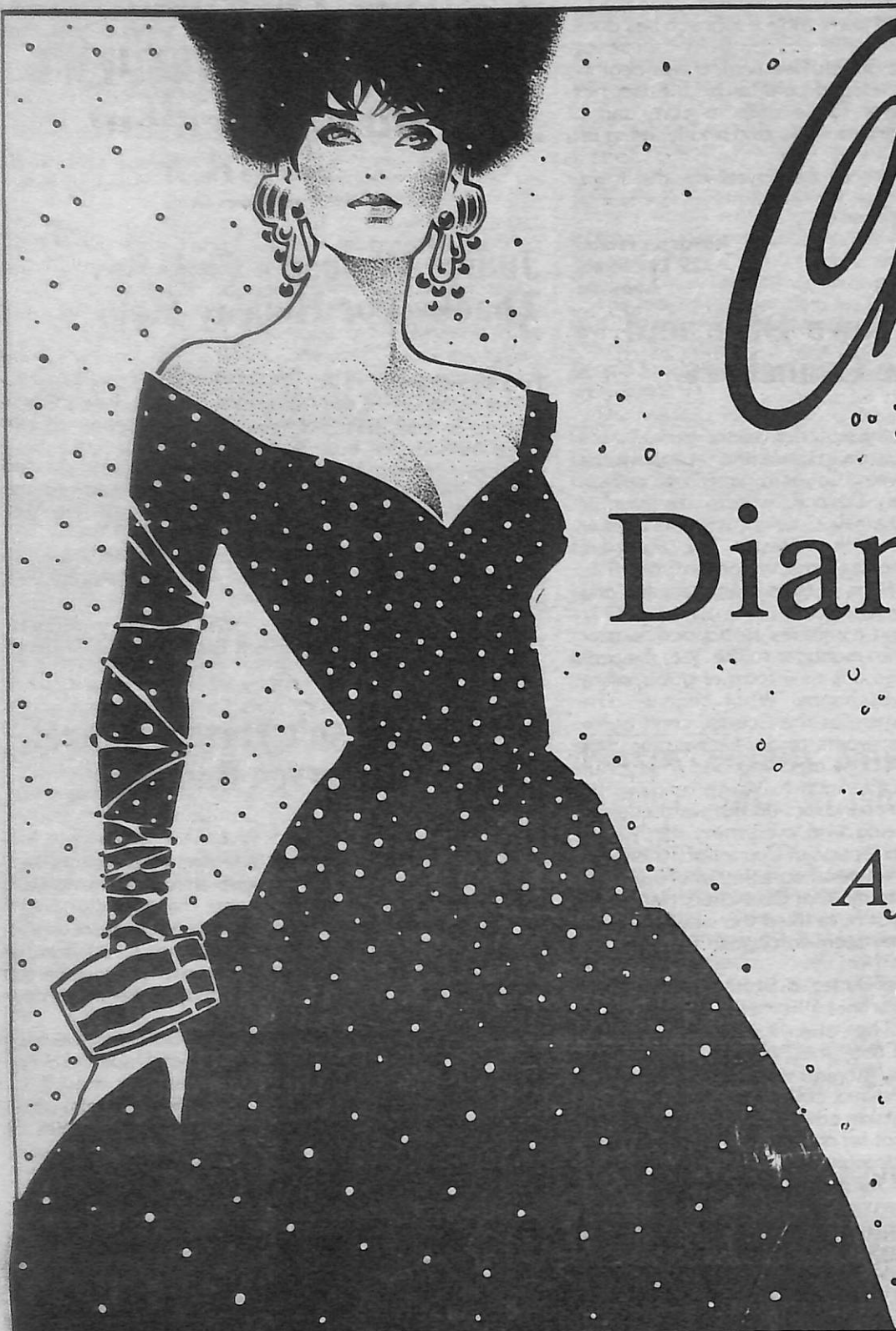
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Letters To The Editor

Wonderful People Of Agawam Thanked By Diana Sands

To The Editor:

Just how do you thank a town full of wonderful people, anyway? I'm not quite sure, but I am sure that my family and I truly appreciate all the support we've received from so many folks. Thank you all so much.

The cards from friends and children were the highlights of my days in isolation after the bone marrow transplant in Boston.

After watching the video of the Flamingo Fling Benefit (at least 10 times so far), I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone who made it happen and participated in any way. I'd also like to make sure the children know how much I loved seeing their flamingos all over the place! I wish I could have stayed longer than just a few minutes.

I'd especially like to thank all my friends in the school system for being so thoughtful and caring. I plan on returning as soon as the doctors give their okay.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season. I'm certainly looking forward to one!

Sincerely,
Diana Sands

Longtime Town Resident Defends Johnson's Record

To The Editor:

In the November 15th edition of *The Agawam Advertiser*, I read: "Enough of the trash issue, let's support Mayor Johnson and compromise on this situation." And on the same page: "Resident says Mayor not living up to expectations." He promised to take care of us, tell us the truth, etc.

For what it is worth, I must challenge some of these allegations. You are correct in saying, "It was a new beginning having our first Mayor." However, it was a new beginning for him also. A huge responsibility in which, as he said, I inherited major problems, and you can be sure he did.

I truly believe he has told the truth, and perhaps what Loren Montagna calls "Political Mistakes" are matters far beyond his control.

Certainly his compassion for the whole town has been evident in many respects, and I can say with confirmation that he is concerned about the elderly. I quote, "He made terrific friends with one of our most disliked employees," has me asking, "Who are we to judge a boss, the Mayor, from making friends with all of his help he would be working with? How else does one sift the good from the bad in order to run a town?"

I am also certain that he, too, asked himself this question and found an answer. In order to do this, he had to adapt and humble himself by talking over a situation before acting on it.

To say, "In 12 months, he has done little to fulfill promises," is a gross mistake. The President of the United States needs a full first term just to sort out what his duties consist of; certainly our Mayor is new and, in 12 months, is just learning who the bad and the good are, and he will go from there. We trust that the bad are not all employed by the town.

Last, but certainly not least, I have lived in this town for 36 years, and correct me if I am wrong, I cannot say I have ever known a manager to turn over a good por-

tion of his salary to the town. Mayor Johnson has done this!

Please, let us all be grateful we have a new beginning; let us all thank the Good Lord for his blessing; let us pray for our Mayor to be able to carry out a prestigious task and undertaking; and finally, let us all pitch in to help!

All bad people are not employed by the town, believe me!

They are out there!

Rosanna Fiorini
29 Ley Street
Agawam

Johnson & Town Disgraced By Old-Time Councilors

To The Editor:

I have been reading the editorials every week and it's the same people who write in and either put down the Mayor or criticize the new Council. I'm fed up with it. This is not just a new Council; it is a new form of government. If it were a new Council, it would consist of all new councilors, which it doesn't. The Council is made up of four councilors from the days of old. The days of bickering and firing of town managers, left and right. What a disgrace to Agawam!

Well, the same thing continues to happen, except there is no longer a town manager to fire. We, the people of Agawam, elected this new form of government because we wanted a change. What change? The Mayor can't get anywhere as the Council can't agree on anything the Mayor wants to do. I have read that the new Council hasn't done anything. Sad to say, but they're right; they haven't. And why? In my opinion, it's because these veteran councilors do not want change and insist on disagreeing with everything the Mayor wants to do, with the exception of Councilor Fuller. She seems to be the only veteran councilor who wants to move forward. Seems to me that Councilors Negrucci, Caba, and Borgatti must have liked the way Agawam was in the past, as they seem to oppose the Mayor's ideas.

As for new Councilors Dupee, Burgess, and Ennis, in my opinion, they are the ones who never come up with an independent idea. They always seem to side with Councilors Negrucci, Caba, and Borgatti. At this past Council meeting, Wally Moreno volunteered to debate the Mayor on the bulk collection issue. Is Councilor Dupee getting outside advice and cannot defend her own actions? It's not for me to say; but if you read between the lines, it doesn't look good. Also, as for Councilors Ennis and Burgess, all they did at this meeting was to sit there and vote whichever way Councilors Negrucci, Caba, Borgatti, and Dupee did. However, I do have to admit Councilor Ennis did come out with a comment, and that was to swear at a fellow councilor in the middle of the meeting. An independent idea? Maybe.

Councilors Willis, Dziardziel, Brindle, Bitzas, and Fuller who want to move forward, cannot. All you hear people say is that they are "the Mayor's people" or "rubber stamps." So what! They're there for a change just as the Mayor is. Why not be on the same side? I thought everyone was elected to better Agawam, not keep it at a standstill.

Seems it's always the same six against the same five. What a sad situation for the Mayor and for Agawam. I attended this past Council meeting and was amazed at what I heard. It was bad enough that the same six councilors were arguing with the other five over the bulk pick-up. But then you had to deal with Wally Moreno and Louis Russo adding fuel to the fire. Neither one of them ever have a good word to say about the Mayor or the five Councilors trying to work with the Mayor. In my opinion, they are two sore losers there just to ride the Council. I have never seen such a display of infantile behavior from a group of adults as I witnessed that night.

I just wanted the people of Agawam to hear the other side of the story for a change. I feel that Mayor Johnson is doing the best he can with what he has to work. It must be so frustrating for Councilors Willis, Dziardziel, Brindle, Bitzas, and Fuller to present an

idea and know that it will not pass even before the meeting gets started, as they are the minority.

Keep in mind for next election: as long as these Councilors from the past are on the Council, the past will keep haunting us...bickering and disgrace. Is that what you want to live with?!

Laurie Littlefield
Feeding Hills

Junior Women's Club Say Thanks For Holiday Help

To The Editor:

The members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club wish to extend their most sincere appreciation to all those individuals, businesses, associations, churches who provided donations for our Holiday Baskets.

Because of this concern and generosity, the Juniors were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets for 24 deserving families in our community.

Once again the people of Agawam have come together to help their less fortunate neighbors enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving.

With sincere gratitude,
The Agawam Junior Women's Club

Mayor Doesn't Have Chance; Council Deserves Bad Rap

To The Editor:

I thought when we elected several new councilors we would have people working together to run the town. Instead we have the same bickering, the same fighting, each to have his own way. I see no cooperation, only the desire to be on top. All the mayor has to do is propose a project and the majority of councilors say, "No, no, that's not the way to go." The mayor doesn't have a chance.

In particular I mean Colleen Dupee. Before elections I went to hear the "debates" and Ms. Dupee didn't have anything to say except "Ah; yes; no; maybe." Now she knows everything—right or wrong. How did she get so smart so quickly?

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Monday, December 3rd
Town Council Meeting
Agawam Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 5th
MOCA Meeting
Faolin Peirce Community Room
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7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 6th
Agawam Planning Board
Faolin Peirce Community Room
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7:15 P.M.

Tuesday, December 11th
School Committee Meeting
Agawam Junior High
7:00 P.M.

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This issue of bulk collection for \$15—why should I, who has no need of bulk collection pay for someone else? I would gladly have paid the \$35 when it would have given me weekly garbage collection in addition. I would have gotten something for my money. I certainly don't think it should be paid for out of the treasury.

George Bitzas' article in *The Agawam Advertiser* on November 15th said it all and I agree and heartily endorse his remarks. He's the kind of councilor we want and thought we'd be getting instead of the back-biting kind like Dupee, Ennis, Negrucci, and Burgess.

Let's get behind and support the "good guys."

Pauline Flathman
Feeding Hills

Moreno Enraged At Mayor On Bulk Pick-Up Snafu

To The Editor:

I quote from the constitution - "*The people have a right, in an orderly and peaceable manner, to assemble, to consult upon the common good; give instructions to their representatives, and to request of the legislative body, by the way of address, petition, or remonstrance, redress of the wrongs done them, and of grievances they suffer.*"

I am totally enraged by the misleading five page opinion rendered by the town attorney in a recent request by a councilor that asked how to create an ordinance under Mass. General Law Chapter 44, Section 33.

The basic premise by the attorney was that the present general rubbish account cannot be added to.

But the General Laws provide a way to create funds for neglect or to provide funds for unforeseen necessary expenditures. Chapter 40, Section 5A creates a reserve fund for these purposes. The amount in this case (Agawam) is \$300,000. Also available is the free cash balance which can be drawn from for the above purpose.

It is vital to make clear that these monies will not be added to the present general rubbish contract and/or pick up account.

These monies will be available for a one time "bulk rubbish account," which has no connection with the present \$817,000 general rubbish account. As I said before, the balance of the free cash can be drawn from. And three percent of the tax levy (\$300,000) can be drawn from also.

Also, the sum and substance of this whole trash dispute is - **shall there be a separate fee charged to the homeowners only for the collection of the one time bulk rubbish pick-up? or shall the bulk rubbish pick-up**

be paid for from money the homeowners have already paid for from funds paid in their last tax bill?

Two things must be noted. Observation - Mayor Chris Johnson and Town Councilor George Bitzas have repeatedly stated that they don't have the funds to pick-up the bulk rubbish. Well, then, what do we call them when the proof of ample funds is made clear at budget time (by the town accountant) and the record?

Communication - It is a compliment to be refused to a debate by anyone. It shows (in this case) that he (the Mayor) would rather brow-beat a woman (Councilor Colleen Dupee refused his challenge to debate this issue; the Mayor won't debate me on it) and not one of the four male councilors involved.

The Mayor's response to my challenge to debate him was "*Moreno is not a good spokesman for the people.*" Please, Mr. Mayor - I have been a spokesman for the people for the past 48 years - that's 20 years before you were born!

The Mayor's challenge to debate a single councilor (Miss Dupee) on a public issue such as the bulk pick-up, as stated in the media, is totally improper because it defies the "Separation of Powers" law.

This issue cannot be settled by debating a single councilor. There are 11 councilors who must make the final decision.

I, Valentine R. Moreno, citizen and voter, make this offer to stand in for the councilor you challenged.

I wish to represent the people's side of the issue in question on a date, time, and place of the Mayor's choice.

Valentine R. Moreno
Florida Drive, Agawam

Mayor Totally Misrepresents Private Bulk Trash Pick-Up

To The Editor:

Because of our mayor's inaccurate, irresponsible, yet very calculated statements, a great deal of confusion has occurred over an otherwise simple solution to bulk trash. This alternative is not, nor was ever intended to be the final solution to our trash problems. As a public service, and because we are concerned with the Mayor's unwillingness to respond to the people's needs, Ed Borgatti and I arranged another option for those wishing to dispose of their bulk items. The entire purpose of this option is to offer the people of Agawam another choice, based on FREE CHOICE, without any political or governmental involvement.

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CENSURE - from Page 2...

Bitzas believes debate is healthy, "but we need to respect each other, even when we don't agree with each other."

He is curious as to the impact future cable TV broadcasts of council sessions will make. "The council will have to shape up. The people will see first-hand what's going on here."

Compounding the council's woes is another problem, one Bitzas views as a "lack of respect for Council President Richard Brindle," whom Bitzas describes as "a gentle person; a nice man who isn't looking for any trouble."

Brindle's ability to control both the councilors and a frequently fiesty audience has come into question on other occasions, and in one case Brindle gave a heated speech to ensure that the meetings be followed by the Roberts Rules of Order. He even secured the services of a police officer to enforce order during council sessions.

"He's trying to be nice to everybody, and do the best job he can," Bitzas says. "But I don't think this council respects him [his authority]" Bitzas says, noting that Brindle was voted council president by an 11-0 vote.

Attempts to reach Ennis proved unsuccessful, and we hope to report his comments in our next edition.

Laughing Brook Center Seeks Volunteers For Holidays

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is currently seeking Volunteer Sales Clerks in the Audubon Shop for the holiday season.

Volunteer Sales Clerks are essential to the operation of the Audubon Shop at Laughing Brook. Waiting on customers, answering questions about the merchandise and Laughing Brook, and assisting with other duties related to the shop make this job rewarding and interesting.

Over 250 individuals serve as volunteers at Laughing Brook, a 259-acre wildlife sanctuary operated by the Massachusetts Audubon Society. Benefits of volunteering include training, free admission to Laughing Brook, discounts on programs, and the satisfaction of helping people learn to understand, appreciate, and preserve the natural world.

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RUSSO LETTER - from Page 5...

Had the Mayor not politically interfered with what is essentially a private arrangement between the homeowner who freely chooses this format and the removal company, no problems would have occurred. The simple truth is that the homeowner who is satisfied with this option is free to utilize it. Those who neither want or need this service can simply refuse it. This proposal allows everyone to decide for themselves without force or pressure from anyone, the Mayor included. It's that simple.

Originally, Partyka Resource Recovery was willing to remove all bulk items for a fee of \$12.50. That is, until our Mayor made his calculated and irresponsible remarks about stockpiling. A person need not be a businessman, mayor, or even a lawyer to realize what such a remark could result in. Because of those mayoral remarks, those who head up Partyka's became rightfully concerned about people taking undue advantage.

After all, what is to prevent neighbors from getting together and stockpiling all their items in front of one house and then only paying one fee for that one household? After speaking with John Krzminski at Partyka's, and after doing some research on the amount of bulk items in the average household, John agreed to a three bulk limit to help insure against stockpiling. The three item limit was derived from the fact that the majority of homes only had two items, and very rarely did one household have more than three. For those with more than three, an additional charge will be assessed for each additional BULK ITEM ONLY.

In regards to the mayor's statement about there being 20 complaints about this service, according to the Dispatcher Log, 45 calls were received by Partyka from Agawam residents. These calls were received before 10:30 a.m. on the first day of bulk sign-ups. All those calling immediately signed-up and were very happy to do so.

Now, I submit to you, why would nearly half the people calling, willingly sign-up and then call the DPW to complain afterwards? Also, why did the mayor make a beeline for the media and tell them about these alleged complaints? If such complaints existed, wouldn't the wise thing be to contact Ed Borgatti, myself, or Partyka's?

Incidentally, all this took place in less time than it took Partyka to take the calls and schedule them. It is unfortunate that, after his insistence that neither he (Johnson) or Town Hall are or will be involved in what he (Johnson) has called a "wonderful proposal," the Mayor has turned a non-political matter into a political football. Is it possible that he is angry because he can't collect \$15 from the thousands of homeowners not in need of this service?

As for the bulk pick-up itself, the terms are very simple, equitable, and fair. For \$12.50, three bulk items along with normal smaller items will be picked up. A bulk item will include such things as appliances, furniture, and similar large items. Smaller items will include, but not be limited to such things as aluminum storm windows, pipes or other plumbing materials, a few barrels of building material, etc. just to give examples.

Of course, just as the regular trash pick-up, there will be understandable restrictions. The exemptions include: hazardous waste, tree stumps and brush, leaves and lawn clippings, large amounts of demolition material, and anything that is already contracted for pick-up by Commercial Disposal Company. As for pick-up dates, there are already two definite dates scheduled, with more definite dates to be announced as people call for service.

Those are the simple facts. Incidentally, if by chance there are any real or legitimate complaints or problems, I urge the complainants to call me. I will personally resolve their problems any way that I can.

Again, this is not intended as a final solution. It is only intended to give the people of Agawam an alternative in which they are free to choose and decide for themselves. If you don't need or want it, you don't have to pay for it!!

Thank you,
Louis Russo
Feeding Hills

Resident Says Dog Owners Are Neglecting The Laws

To The Editor:

It seems time for another reminder to those wonderful folks out there in reader-land. You may recall that there is a law in this great state of ours. It pertains to the protection of our pets. Our town of Agawam also has some rules on this subject.

If you own an animal, let us say a dog, then you know it has to be on a leash. When was the last time you saw a dog on a six foot tether chase the UPS truck? Unless, of course, it was one of those rare times when the animal "got loose."

Then again, you could live in my neighborhood, where everyone is familiar with the local hounds. It is these pets and their owners I would like to invite over. I want to meet you personally and become familiar with your dog so we can be on a first-name basis. You are in my yard as much as I am so we really should get to know each other. If you can't make it I'll give you an idea of what we'll do doing.

Come with rakes, garbage bags, and work gloves and please make sure your pet has already done "its business" in its own yard. There isn't really that much to do. First I'd like you to pick up every piece of garbage that your animal so cleverly dumped out of my lock-lidded trash cans. Getting that trash out there is not an easy task and anyone who has harrassed children like mine will explain that to you. It would be nice if it stayed in those handy containers at least until trash day.

Next I'd like you to walk casually around my yard and then report back to the driveway for shoe inspection and scraping. It seems you only have to be out there a short time to find the fertilizer and track it onto the carpet for that fresh country air inside without expense of those nasty ozone killing cans.

The last thing on the agenda will be a short course conducted by the dog officer here in town. He is a very kind gentleman who really does have better things to do than to ride around and pick up innocent pets. It is their owners who are in need of a subtle reminder or two. Maybe if they were knocked unconscious by the side of the road or attacked by a not so nice youngster with a hockey stick they would think twice about letting their family pet roam free.

The laws are for your protection as well as that of your pet. Please consider carefully before you open that kitchen door and close it after that happily wagging behind. See you in my yard.

Carleen Coelho
79 Fordham Ave.
Feeding Hills

Agawam Police Blotter For Week-Ending Saturday, Nov. 24th

On November 17th, **Brian G. Kendall**, 420 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Richard Conlon.

On November 17th, **Paul F. Davilli**, 16 Federal Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Richard Conlon.

On November 17th, **Jon M. Cullins**, 29 Fernwood Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Richard Conlon.

On November 20th, **Thomas J. Harper**, 160 Point Grove Road, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Sergeant Gary Nardi.

On November 20th, **John Bonavita**, 51 Dartmouth Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Arresting officer was Richard Conlon.

On November 20th, **Ralph A. Strom**, 775 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension and an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Mike Gruska.

On November 21st, **Seth A. Marshall**, 94 East Main Street, Meriden, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska and Ben Moore.

On November 21st, **John C. Rossi**, 27 Riverview Avenue, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, operating after revocation, and violation of the open container law.

On November 21st, **Joey J. Bush**, 16 Beauregard Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with malicious damage over \$250, being a minor in possession of alcohol, and larceny of a license plate. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 21st, **Brett R. Sutherland**, 199 Jacob Street, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Steve Grasso and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 21st, **Thomas Padden**, 34 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Detective Stanley Chmielewski, Jr. and Detective Tom Marmo.

On November 23rd, **Richard M. Green**, 1148 North Street Extension, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with two outstanding Agawam Police Department warrants. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Eric Lottermoser.

On November 23rd, **Richard S. Benard**, 111 Cooley Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol and possession of a class "D" substance. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Mike Gruska.

On November 23rd, **Paul Phillips**, 132 Holyoke Road, Westfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Rick Niles and Rick Conlon.

On November 24th, **Frances K. Bassette**, 1172 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Robert Marsh.

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Agawam Crime Prevention... Flim-Flam Schemes Are Everywhere; Please Be Careful!

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

In a continuing effort to inform and alert the public to the problems, pitfalls, and traps they may encounter at the hands of business, the following is prepared with the hope that it will save someone from the misery which always accompanies being ripped-off.

The information will benefit only those who **read** and **take heed**.

In addition to being our town's inspector of Weights and Measures, Louis Draghetti is Agawam's representative to the Consumer Advisory Commission. In this capacity, he receives many complaints from citizens of our community who relate many stories, all having to do with being relieved of some of their hard-earned cash. Mr. Draghetti and I have worked on many of these cases and in some instances, we have met with success. It is, however, a much safer route to simply steer clear of the temptation to take people and deals at face value.

I will repeat the following information because it is important and needs repeating.

Whether on the phone or in person, never accept someone's word for who they are or what they represent. Always insist on positive identification. If any work is to be performed **always insist on references** and check out each one carefully. Check with the Police Department or Mr. Draghetti's office to find out if this person or organization is properly registered and reputable. Allow no one into your home and don't be distracted to the point where you lose sight of one or any of the people to whom you are speaking.

A favorite ploy is to ask to use the bathroom or make a phone call while someone else talks with you in another room. Pay for nothing until the goods have been delivered and the job is completed to your satisfaction. Beware of the deals that sound too good to be true. Your feelings are probably correct and the bottom line is you always lose.

Don't allow yourself to be talked into buying something you don't need and never wanted.

In addition to people advertising and going door-to-door, a new sales gimmick is the taped telephone message announcing that you are a winner and instructing you to call a number. It must be understood that companies are in business to make money, and although the initial conversation may be tempting, it is designed to lure you into making some kind of a purchase or commitment to purchase. Don't allow yourself to be "baited" and hauled into that "Big Business Boat."

For example, one company in the Midwest sent me a "winning" announcement in the mail and followed up with a phone call stating that I had won a \$5,000 shopping spree. All I had to do was purchase a water purifier for \$250, and they would send me their merchandise catalogue. As it turns out, the catalogue is out of much of the advertised merchandise, and the shipping charges are outrageous.

Remember, **read between the lines** and be aware of the consumer "traps" awaiting all of us.

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BACK IN THE EARLY 1970's, then first-term Governor Michael S. Dukakis appeared in Agawam to report on the progress of the Route 57 extension project. He was joined by former Town Councilors and Route 57 subcommittee members Walter T. Kerr and Anita Davilli.

Dukakis In Town To Applaud Many Public Roads Projects At Silver Street Site

Governor Michael S. Dukakis has announced that the state's \$3.25 billion public construction effort is ahead of schedule and will have 12,000 construction workers back to work by June of 1991. He appeared in Agawam to say that the Route 57 extension project will get underway soon.

"We are on the right track," said the governor. "When I said this plan would get Massachusetts workers back on the job, building the 90's, these are the kinds of results I was talking about."

"Since this past June, when we unveiled the most massive public construction effort in the history of the commonwealth, over \$1.4 billion in construction contracts have been awarded and nearly \$1.7 billion of construction projects are underway and in the pipeline."

"And over the lifetime of these projects, at least 50,000 direct construction jobs will be created."

"This has proven to be the right time to move forward with this effort," Dukakis said. "We continue to bring bids in at 20-30 percent below estimate, saving the state millions of dollars, and have so far won \$700 million in federal assistance."

The public construction program includes major new construction, renovations and repairs to the state's infrastructure, schools and libraries. The state's two largest projects—the Artery-Tunnel and Harbor Cleanup—are on track and under budget.

"This construction program is providing the Massachusetts economy with a massive infusion of jobs, money, and confidence when they are greatly needed," said Secretary of Economic Affairs Alden Raine. "In addition to the construction workers who are back on the job, engineers, accountants, and services workers are going back to work."

Dukakis In Town!!!



GOVERNOR MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS was in town last week to laud public works projects, including the Silver Street project and the hopeful start of the Route 57 extension project this spring. Dukakis was joined by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Rosemary Sandlin, administrative assistant to State Senator Linda J. Melconian. Advertiser News

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HELP FOR BEDWETTING

By the time a child reaches the age of three, he is still scarcely able to control his bladder while sleeping. However, by age five or six, a child should be much less likely to wet his bed at night. While there has been much emotion and speculation attached to chronic bedwetting, there is now evidence that this problem may be treated with medication. A recent Danish study suggests that a child's ability to hold urine through the night is regulated by an antidiuretic hormone. Children with insufficiencies of this hormone have difficulty controlling their bladders. Such children are now able to take a new medication, desmopressin acetate, which stimulates the antidiuretic hormone and keeps children dry. In fact, the majority of children taking this drug continue their dry nights after the medication is lifted.

HINT: Desmopressin acetate is available in the form of a nasal spray.

Information, on some of the latest drugs, is available with just a phone call to our pharmacist at **SMITH DRUGS, 839 Suffield Street, 789-0811**. We are computerized to prevent drug interaction. Greeting cards, party needs, cosmetics and gift items are available for the holidays. Video rentals are handled. Open: Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Families

Flamingo Fling: The Night To Support Diana Sands



SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS for the grand prize of two U.S. Air tickets are Jeff Dunlap and Lois Kirk. Both were volunteer workers at the "Flamingo Fling" for Granger Elementary School teacher Diana Sands on Thursday, November 15th, at the Polish American Club. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Jennifer Modzelesky and Jennifer Maar sign a flamingo card for Mrs. Sands while Erin Lightcap, dressed as one of the birds, signs her John Hancock to the card. Advertiser News

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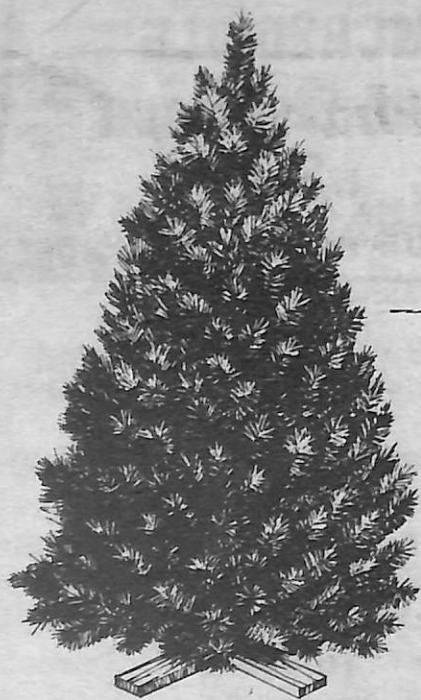
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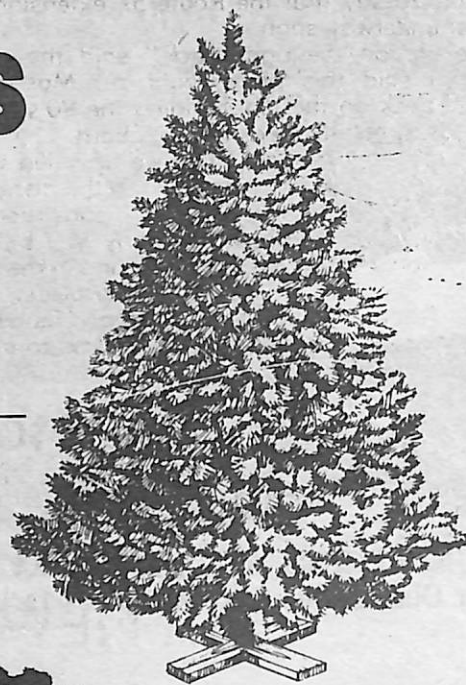
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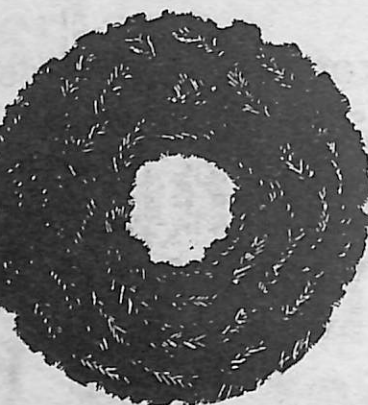
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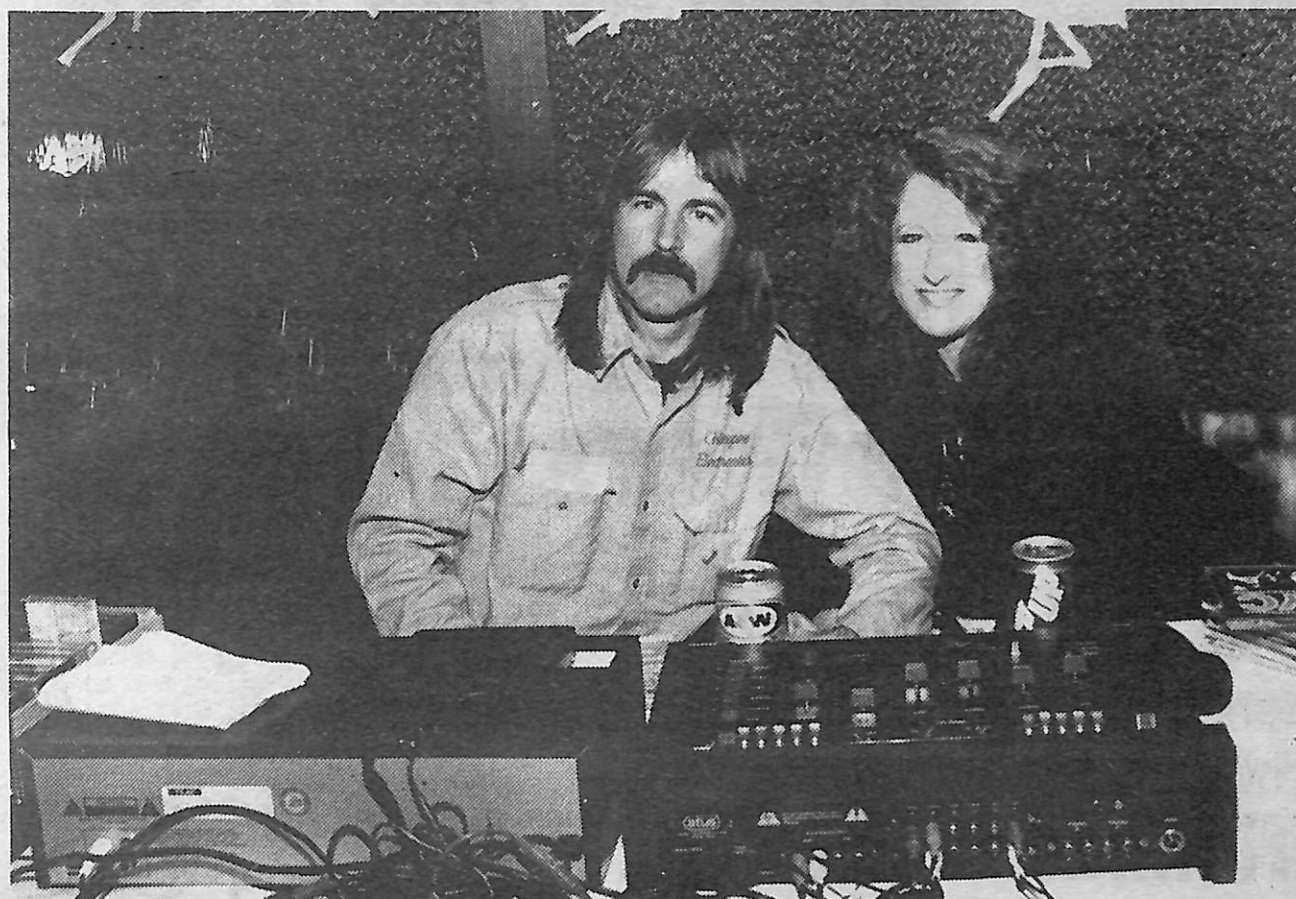
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More Flamingo Flingers For Diana Sands



HELPING TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS at the Flamingo Fling to benefit Granger School teacher Diana Sands are, from left - Freda Brown, Gert Cote, Donna Buldrini, and Vivian Clark. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE and ON PAGE 1. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



VOLUNTEERING AS DISC JOCKEYS for the big Flamingo Fling for Granger School teacher Diana Sands were Roger & Marla Blair of Chicopee Electronics. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message. Jack has all of the negatives, so please, don't call the office. Thank-you very much.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner At Church

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program, sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, December 8th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert. Donation is \$6.75 for adults, \$3.50 for children, and under five, free. A Bake Sale will be held during the supper.

Proceeds from the supper will be used to host several young people from Europe, who will visit Feeding Hills during the summer of '91.

Reservations can be made by calling Roxanne Zern, 786-1679, Wes Mueller, 786-1757, or Kathy Rose, 786-0195 (evenings). If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name, number of reservations, and telephone number.

Feeding Hills Women's Club To Host Walter Balboni

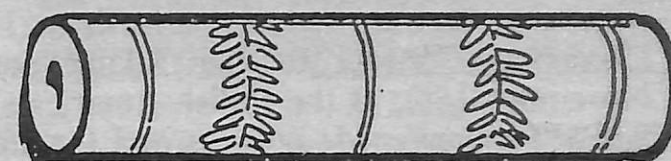
Feeding Hills Women's Club President Thelma Horenstein and Thelma Gardner, program chairwoman, have planned a pleasant meeting on Wednesday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grange Hall, North West Street.

Walter Balboni will be guest speaker and will show slides on Italy.

Also at this meeting, we will have our Christmas Bazaar and Mitten Tree. Marjorie Taylor is in charge of the Mitten Tree.

Hostesses for the evening are Jennie Juzba, chairwoman, Virginia Lake, Vivienne Irwin, Mary Payne, and Phyllis Jacques.

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Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, December 3rd: Chicken supreme, potato puffs, baby Belgium carrots, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, December 4th: Birthday Recognition. French meat turnover, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, whole wheat bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, December 5th: Open face turkey sandwich, stuffing with gravy, acorn squash, Canadian oat bread, peaches.

Thursday, December 6th: Minestrone, stuffed shells with extra sauce, tossed salad, Vienna bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, December 7th: Seafood salad, baked beans, cole slaw, pumpernickel bread, pears.

Calendar Of Events Golden Age Clubs

December 5th: Chapter 2—Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

December 7th: Chapter 1—Dinner Board meeting.

December 12th: Chapter 1—Annual Christmas Party at Chez Josef. Dinner at 12:00 noon.

December 19th: Chapter 2—Christmas party at the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m.

December 26th: Chapter 1—Regular meeting cancelled.

December 28th: Chapter 2—Board of Directors' meeting cancelled.

Best hometown news

Senior Citizens Pool Club Hold Banquet



THE POOL CLUB at the Agawam Senior Center held its Annual Banquet at Partners Restaurant in Feeding Hills. From left - John Balas, Helen Dynia, Ted Dynia, Mayor Christopher Johnson (special guest), James Quinn, and Marion Quinn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At Sacred Heart

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will gather in Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to conduct and pray the Office of The Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 7th, from 9:00 p.m. through Saturday, December 8th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father David Joyce, pastor, opens the event with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Assisting Father Joyce are Thomas P. Murray, chairman of Sacred Heart membership, and Paul O. May, group leader.

Members recite both evening and morning prayers in private and in public, closing with benediction at 6:00 a.m.

The meeting is open to all who wish to spend an hour in Eucharistic prayer.

Membership is open to all Catholic men, women, boys and girls (18 years of age) to provide a human response to Christ's human plea for comfort and support in the night of His Agony.

Prospective members may contact Father Joyce, Thomas Murray, and Richard Smus.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, December 1st
Annual Christmas Bazaar
Sponsored by Catholic Women's Club
of Agawam
St. John's Parish Center
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 1st
Annual Holiday Bazaar
Ag. United Methodist Church
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 3rd
Free Hearing Screenings With
Mercy Hospital Mobile Hearing Van
Agawam Senior Center
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

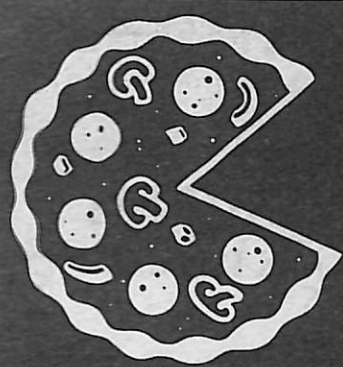
Wednesday, December 5th
Feeding Hills Women's Club
Grange Hall, North West Street
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th
Public Chicken Dinner
Valley Community Church
152 South Westfield Street, FH
Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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Agawam Obituaries

John L. Cartello

John L. Cartello, of 61 Rhodes Avenue, Feeding Hills, a retired 10-year sales manager for the Del Padre Entertainment Center, died on Tuesday, November 20th, in Mercy Hospital. He had worked for the Bailey Wagner Furniture Store, the former Elton R. Turner Company, and Strathmore Paper Company. He retired in 1969.

Born in Italy, he lived most of his life in Agawam. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and the Victor Emmanuel Society in North Agawam.

He leaves his wife, the former Dorothy Placido; a son, Charles of Venice, Florida; a daughter, Dorothy Lortie of Springfield; a stepson, John Fisher of Agawam; three sisters, Clara Deikus of Westfield, and Theresa Capponcelli and Rose O'Neil of Agawam; nine grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross, 235 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA, 01103.

Ida M. Birk

Ida M. (Snape) Birk, 98, of 61 East Street, Orleans, Vermont, and formerly of Agawam, a church founder and a retired 15-year machinist at the former American Bosch Corporation in Springfield, died at North County Hospital in Newport, Vermont. She worked previously for Dale Brothers Laundry, and retired in 1957.

Born in Northampton, she lived in Agawam most of her life, and recently moved to Vermont. She was a communicant and one of the founders of St. David's Episcopal Church, and a member of the Agawam Golden Agers. Her husband, Karl W. Birk, died in 1962.

She leaves three sons, Karl W. of Feeding Hills, George of Easthampton, and Harold E. of Ware; a daughter, Catherine Sherman of Orleans, Vermont; two brothers, Charles of Northampton and Frank of Chesterfield; a sister, Mabel Martin of Northampton; nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Elfriede Halpin

Elfriede (Spengler) Halpin, 94, formerly of 464 Main Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, she lived most of her life in Springfield. She moved to Agawam in 1984, and was a communicant of Springfield's Christ Church Cathedral. Her husband, John J. Halpin, died in 1986.

She leaves a daughter, Mary Knadler of Agawam; a brother, Paul of Springfield; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Curran-Jones West Springfield Funeral Home was in charge.

James F. O'Neil

James F. O'Neil, 66, of 66 South West Street, Feeding Hills, a 21-year letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service, Highland Station, died at home.

Born in Springfield, he attended West Springfield schools. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a Staff Sergeant with the 95th Bomber Group of the 335th Bomber Squadron. He was a prisoner of war after being shot down in April, 1944, in Stalag 17, Krems, Austria.

He was a member of the Forest Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7352 and the Polish American

Citizens Club. His wife, the former Shirley Shear, died in 1985.

He leaves a son, Daniel of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Sharon Vaillancourt of Hampden and Linda Jamgochian of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Samuel Hickson of West Springfield and Joseph Hickson of Springfield; four sisters, Eleanor Beauchaine of Feeding Hills, Mary Bovat of Feeding Hills, Mary R. Hichson of Agawam, and Joan Weddle of Arkansas, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 570 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

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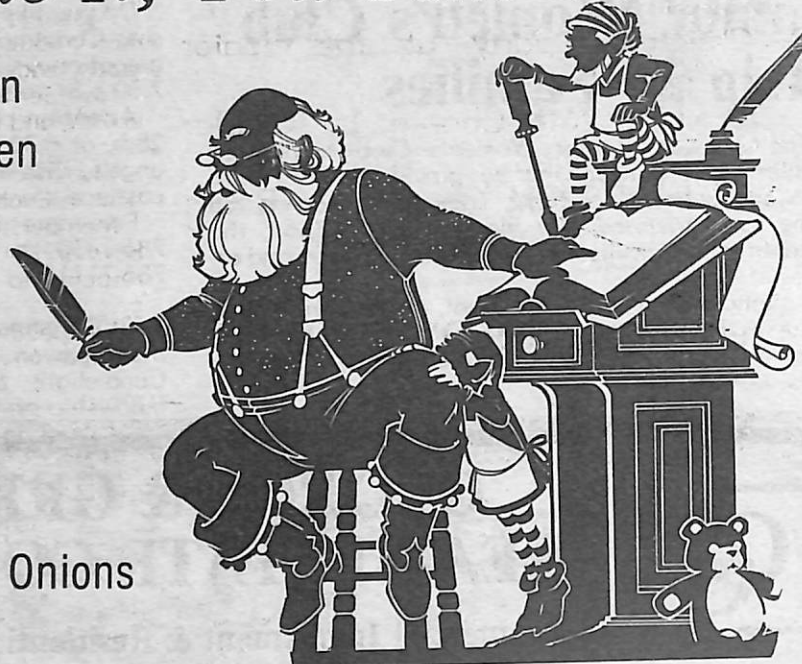
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AT THE RECENT MEETING of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, Michael DiStefano, manager of Springfield Recycling Plant was the guest speaker. He is being greeted by club members Eileen Hamre (left-president) and Kathy Mahoney. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bondi's Plant Manager "Reindeer Games" At Guest Of Jr. Women Ag. Congo Church

On Tuesday, November 20th, Michael DiStefano, manager of Resource Recovery Systems, Inc. of the Springfield facility, answered questions about recycling at the Agawam Junior Women's Club meeting. He also gave an informative talk about how his facility operates.

He informed those present that there are 20-minute tours available for a maximum of 10 people from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by making prior arrangements by calling 731-1363.

Junior Women's Club Help 24 Families

The Agawam Junior Women's Club helped 24 families for Thanksgiving by providing them with "Holiday Baskets" of food. They will be doing the same for Christmas, but along with the food, the children in the families will receive toys/games and articles of clothing.

Donations are still being sought. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by sending it to the Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 320, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

Spend a fun afternoon with your family having lunch, playing "Reindeer Games," making crafts, and more. On Sunday, December 16th, following the Sunday Service at Agawam Congregational Church, bring your bagged lunch, one bottle of glue (per family), one grab bag gift (under \$2.50), label gift toddler under two, girl or boy under 12, teen or adult. Don't forget to bring your Christmas spirit! To sign-up for this event, call Sue Tapplly, 786-1430, or Grace Tilden at the church office, 786-7111.

Do you like seeing children perform? Do you like to sing Christmas carols? Come join the Agawam Congregational Church on Monday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. to see our Christmas pageant.

Attention performers: Rehearsals began November 28th, at 6:30 p.m. We still need additional shepherds, angels, wise men, and more. Adult helpers and simple costume sewers are needed as well.

For more information, please call Sue Tapplly, 786-1430, or Grace Tilden at the church office, 786-7111.

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 11:00 a.m., the Agawam Congregational Church will have its Candlelight Service. Come join us in Christian fellowship on this special night.

Local DAR Plan To Meet Dec. 4th

Dianne Little of Agawam, Regent, has announced the Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its third meeting of the 1990-91 Centennial Year on Tuesday, December 4th, at 1:00 p.m., in Faith Church, Springfield. A Christmas Tea, hosted by the Hannah Dustin Club, will be held at 12:15 p.m., incorporating the historical theme which will include an American Heritage display of Christmas mementoes, planned by Dorothy Dewey of Suffield.

Following a Silent Auction of a Christmas Boutique, Bake & Book Sale in the holiday-decorated Guild Parlors, Elizabeth Cahill of Wilbraham, vice regent, will present a program focusing on observances of Christmas holidays from the time of the arrival of the Puritans to the present and include the customs of various ethnic groups coming later to America.

The program will also include reminiscences of Caroline Scott Harrison of Indiana, First President General of the National Society, DAR, and wife of Benjamin Harrison, 23rd President of the United States from 1889-1893.

Mrs. Harrison is credited with initiating, in 1889, the White House China Collection and personally designed and hand-painted the blue and gold Harrison state service which incorporated the goldenrod flower and Indian corn, both indigenous to America and, she felt, appropriate symbols for official decoration.

She was also known to have submitted plans to enlarge the White House living area, but Congress voted down her proposals. She did, however, introduce electricity to the White House and, at Christmas 1889, she had the first Christmas tree ever to be decorated in the White House. It was placed in the oval room on the second floor, and the entire staff and her family, including the President, worked on its elaborate trimmings.

The day's festivities will conclude with a Christmas sing-a-long, led by Elizabeth Colbath of East Longmeadow.

Persons interested in membership in the DAR should contact Mrs. Little, 786-9268, or Membership Chairwoman Marion Roan of Longmeadow, 567-5771.

Wayne & Joan Woods Announce Birth Of Daughter

Wayne & Joan Woods of Springfield announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Nicole Woods.

She was born October 31st, and weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.


Grandparents are George & Joanne Lamson of Agawam, and Thomas Woods of Springfield.

Great-grandmother is Barbara Thibeault of Easthampton.

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Agawam Children Celebrate M



THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASS at Clark School under the direction of teacher Teresa Urbinati recreated the pilgrims' Thanksgiving dinner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



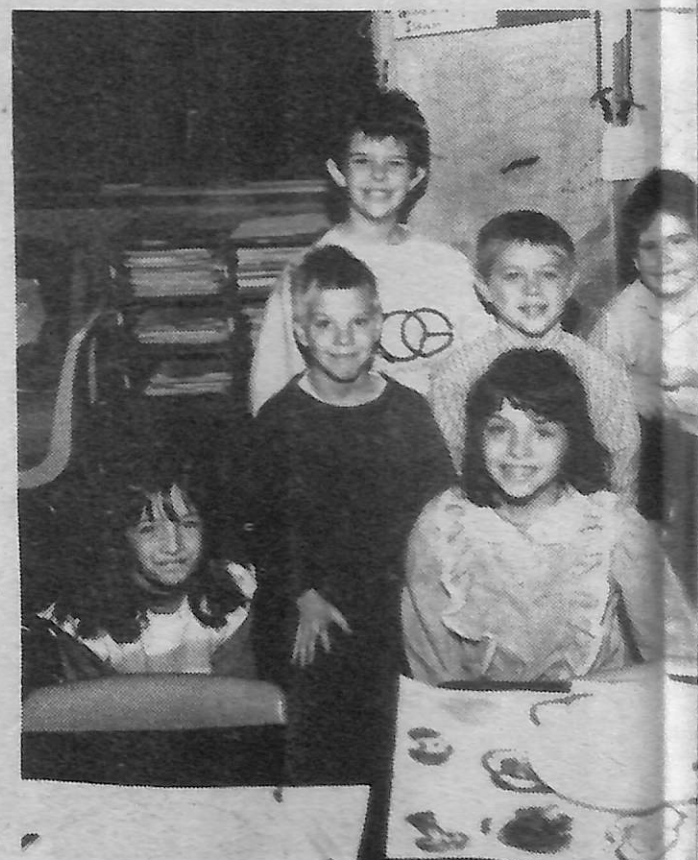
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, from left - S Yamelette Olmo, Vito DeMarinis, and Scott Mu unit on North American Indian homes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL welcomes Princess Minaku of the Penobscot Indian tribe at a special program about Indian ways and artifacts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



A TURKEY DINNER to honor the Thanksgiving holiday was held at Agawam's Bambi Nursery School on Vernon Street, Wednesday, November 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PHELPS SCHOOL ROOM 11 students posing enjoying the Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Meaning Of Thanksgiving Day



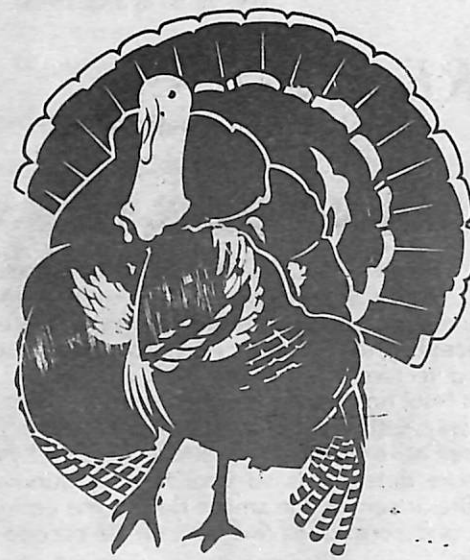
Sarah Bonini, Richard Feeley, Dan Outhuse, and Murray display their projects done as part of a Thanksgiving program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM at Robinson Park School celebrated a traditional Thanksgiving with a turkey and all the trimmings. Families of the children attended. The children made table decorations, baked muffins and cranberry bread, and put on a cute Thanksgiving play. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE LITTLE PILGRIMS of Perry Lane Nursery School enjoyed a special Thanksgiving feast and program before adjourning for the holiday weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

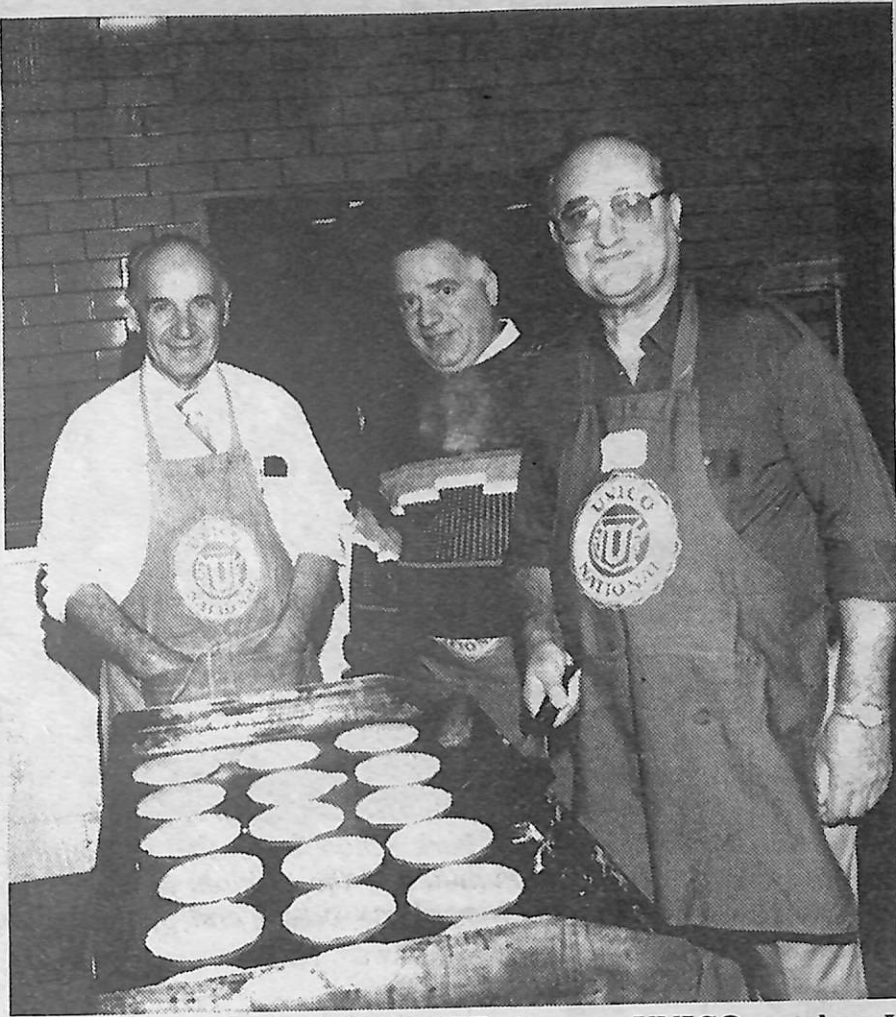


Children in front of their Indian project displays before Thanksgiving. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM at Clark School in Room 9, under the direction of teacher Linda Burnham were donned in pilgrim attire to honor Thanksgiving Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

UNICO Assists Gridiron Moms With Turkey Breakfast



IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam UNICO members Vincent Gallerani, Jerry Sibilia, and Al D'Agostino were on the pancake detail at Agawam High to assist the Gridiron Moms' Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Richard and Jason Reed were two of the early-birds who attended the breakfast. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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DIANE CORMIER AND ELOISE ANDERSON, two members of the Gridiron Moms, help out in the kitchen at the Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Today's Advent calendars are both secular and religious, but are always used to mark the time until the coming of Christmas. Hallmark introduced its first Advent calendar in 1952.

Advent Calendars

The Advent calendar custom originated in the 1880s in Germany, where families would hang a wreath with a single red candle above the dining table. A paper star with a Biblical verse was added each day, and a candle was added each Sunday until Christmas.

During the 1880s the wreath was replaced by the Advent calendar, with little flaps that lifted up to reveal scripture verses each day. These elaborate calendars were made by craftsmen and used by parents to teach children the story of Christmas.

Today, Hallmark offers 14 Advent calendars, including eight new designs to help children count the days to Christmas. Themes include the Nativity, the story of Santa Claus, a gothic cathedral, children around the world, the Three Wisemen, and a Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas. This year Hallmark also offers the fifth in a series of collectible keepsake calendars featuring a three-dimensional general store.

Sixty percent of Advent calendars are purchased for or received as gifts.

History

Although no one knows when the first Advent was observed, the earliest reference to it occurs at the Council of Saragossa, A.D. 380, when the faithful were urged not to miss any of the usual church services between December 17th and Epiphany. The length of Advent varied. In the fifth century it was 40 days long, and only in the ninth century was it fixed at the present four weeks.

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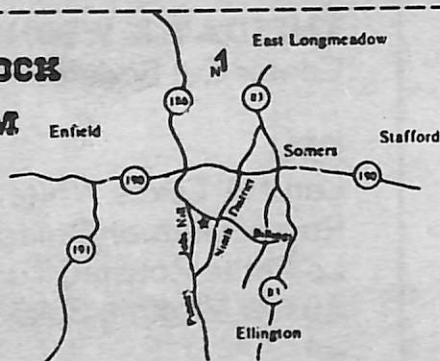
AGAWAM HIGH GRIDIRON MOMS, from left - Donna McKay, Lucy Gregor, Annette Roy, and Rose Briggs took a few minutes to enjoy their pancake breakfasts served by Agawam UNICO at the Annual Thanksgiving Morning Breakfast at Agawam High. Related photos on Page 18. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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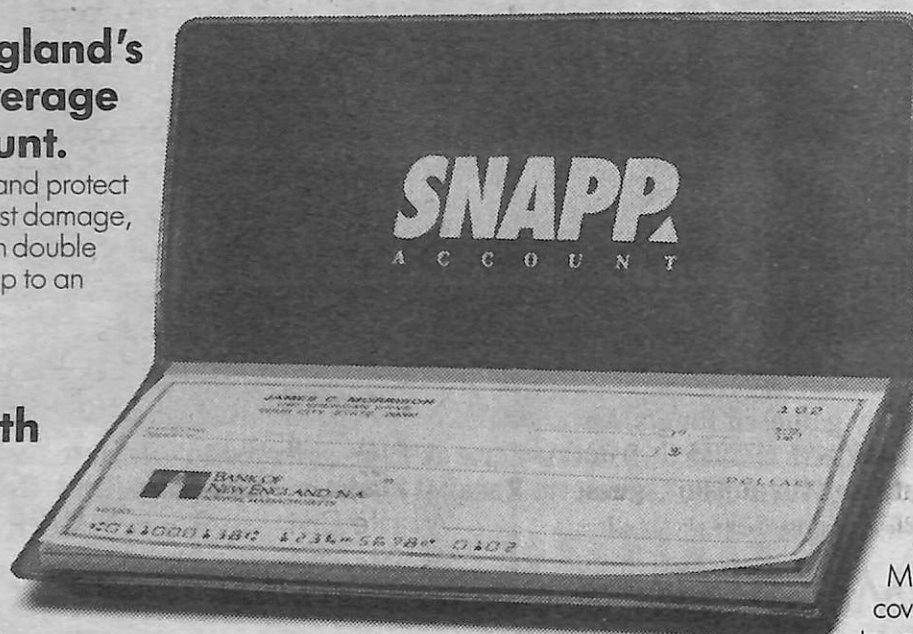
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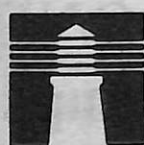
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It's Been 25 Years For AHS Class Of 1965



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1965 gathered to celebrate their 25th class reunion on Saturday, November 24th at The Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Related photos on Page 23. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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1965 CLASSMATES who traveled the furthest to attend last Saturday night's 25-year class reunion included, from left - Linda Barufaldi, Joan Cooper, Bobbie-Ann Bubien, and Susan Montgomery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Order Of Eastern Star Plans Roast Pork Dinner Dec. 7th

On Friday, December 7th, West Springfield Chapter 144, Order of the Eastern Star will hold a roast pork dinner at the Masonic Temple, 732 Elm Street, West Springfield.

The supper will be at 6:30 p.m., and the cost is \$6.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12. The supper will be followed by a "Talent Auction" in which different services or prizes are donated by members for auction.

For reservations, please call 568-8456 or 786-6902.



SERVING AS COMMITTEE members for the 25th reunion for the Agawam High Class of 1965 were, from left - Charlene Hermans, Cindy Weber, and Alexis Ferioli. CLASS PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ATTENDING THE CURRAN-JONES 60th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, November 17th were, from left - Jim Martone, Delores Ennis, and Don & Ruth Safford. RELATED PHOTOS on next page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CURRAN JONES FUNERAL HOME STAFF MEMBERS at the 60th Anniversary Open House on November 17th - from left - Beverly Boudreau, Amy Filip-Roy, Tina Dimino, and Debbie Garrity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Chicken Dinner Slated At Valley Community

The Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold a Chicken Dinner, Saturday, December 8th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$6; children, \$3. Please call 786-2445.

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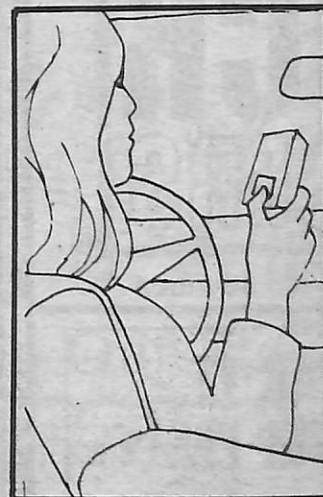


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Dick Curran & Staff Celebrate 60th Anniversary



FUNERAL DIRECTOR RICHARD (Dick) Curran with staff members at the 60th Anniversary Open House on November 17th. From left - Chris Powers, Bernard Smith, Brenda Curran (Dick's wife), Dick, and Joseph Curran (Dick's son and funeral director). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE CURRAN-JONES FUNERAL HOME staff members at the 60th Anniversary Open House on November 17th. From left - Amy Davison, Bessie Early, Mary Siraco, and Ruth Safford. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. United Methodists Plan Holiday Bazaar Dec. 1st

On Saturday, December 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Agawam United Methodist Church will hold its Annual Holiday Bazaar. The members of the congregation have prepared many beautiful crafts, knitted items, Christmas decorations as well as baked goods and holiday candy. There will also be a light lunch for shoppers.

Pauline Mickey is the chairwoman for the event. Mrs. Mickey states, "This year promises to be the best ever, with something for everyone."

The Cub Scouts have prepared a booth "Just For Kids" and the Sunday School Committee will be selling two-year planners and dishcloths.

The church is located at 491 Mill Street across from the Agawam High School. For further information, please call the church office, 786-2445.

New England Singers At St. Theresa's Church

The New England Christian Singers, formerly the choir of St. Theresa's Church of Agawam, is putting on another "Holiday Celebration of Music." The program will consist of music for the Christmas season, a carol sing-a-long, and a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Word," accompanied by members of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and members of the Pioneer Valley Concert Band.

The performance will be Sunday, December 9th, at 7:00 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main Street, Agawam. Donation is \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling Vincent Govoni, 786-5847.

Ushers and ticket salespersons are needed, and those interested can contact Mr. Govoni.

Daughters Of Isabella Slate Covered Dish Supper Dec. 5th

Loyalty Circle 356 Daughters of Isabella will have a Covered Dish Supper at their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 5th, at 6:30 p.m., at Knights of Columbus Hall, Park Avenue, West Springfield.

Entertainment will be by Peg Thompson and the Golden Blue Ribbon Singers. The entertainment committee includes Mary Lynch and Edna Sheridan.

Members are asked to bring food donations for the Open Pantry.

The dinner committee includes Susan Banach, Catherine McCarthy, Ann McCarthy, Nancy Nowak, Mae O'Keefe, and Millie Skrok.

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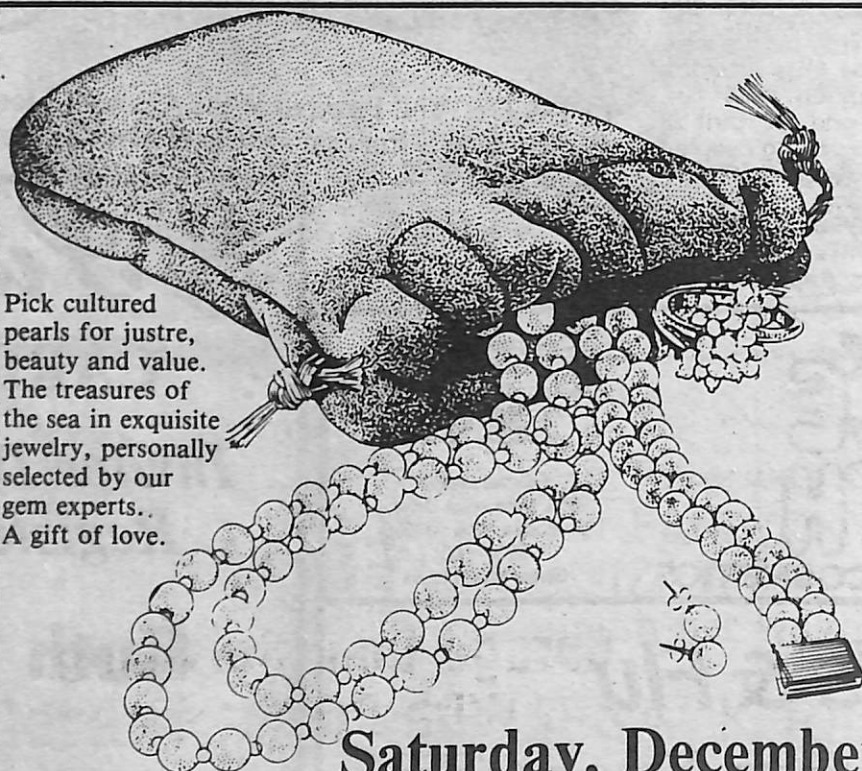
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Agawam Lioness Host Fine Macaroni Supper



KEEPING AN EYE on the dessert table at the Agawam Lioness Club's Annual Macaroni Supper at the Middle School are Bernice Burton and Lillian Doyle. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Miss Western Mass Pageant Now Receiving Applications

Entry forms are now available for the Miss Western Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant. The first step to the title of Miss America is this local pageant, which will be held in January 1991 at Westfield High School.

All young women between the ages of 17 and 26 are urged to apply. The scholarships awarded by the pageant assist these young women as they pursue their educational goals. And, of course, the Miss America Pageant process is an American tradition which has helped to develop poise, confidence, and the spirit of friendly competition in so many of our young people.

The Miss Western Massachusetts Pageant will be an exciting local event with sponsors from many local businesses. Miss Massachusetts 1990 will be a featured guest. Remember, Miss Western Massachusetts could be the next Miss America!



ON THE SERVING LINE at the Agawam Lioness Club's Annual Macaroni Supper are, from left - Irene Gallerani, Nancy Malone, Debbie Forastiere, and Priscilla Peterson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LET'S DIG IN! Pictured at the Agawam Lioness Club's Annual Macaroni Supper at the Middle School are, from left - Michael Atwater, Ruth Galica, and Jeffrey Atwater. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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"Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer."

Amen



THE BARTOLUCCIS thought the Agawam Lioness did a great job with their Macaroni Supper, recently held at the Middle School. From left - Krystle, Donna, and Michael. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THE MACARONI DINNER served by members of the Agawam Lioness Club are members of the Graveline family of Feeding Hills - Thomas, Diane, and Christopher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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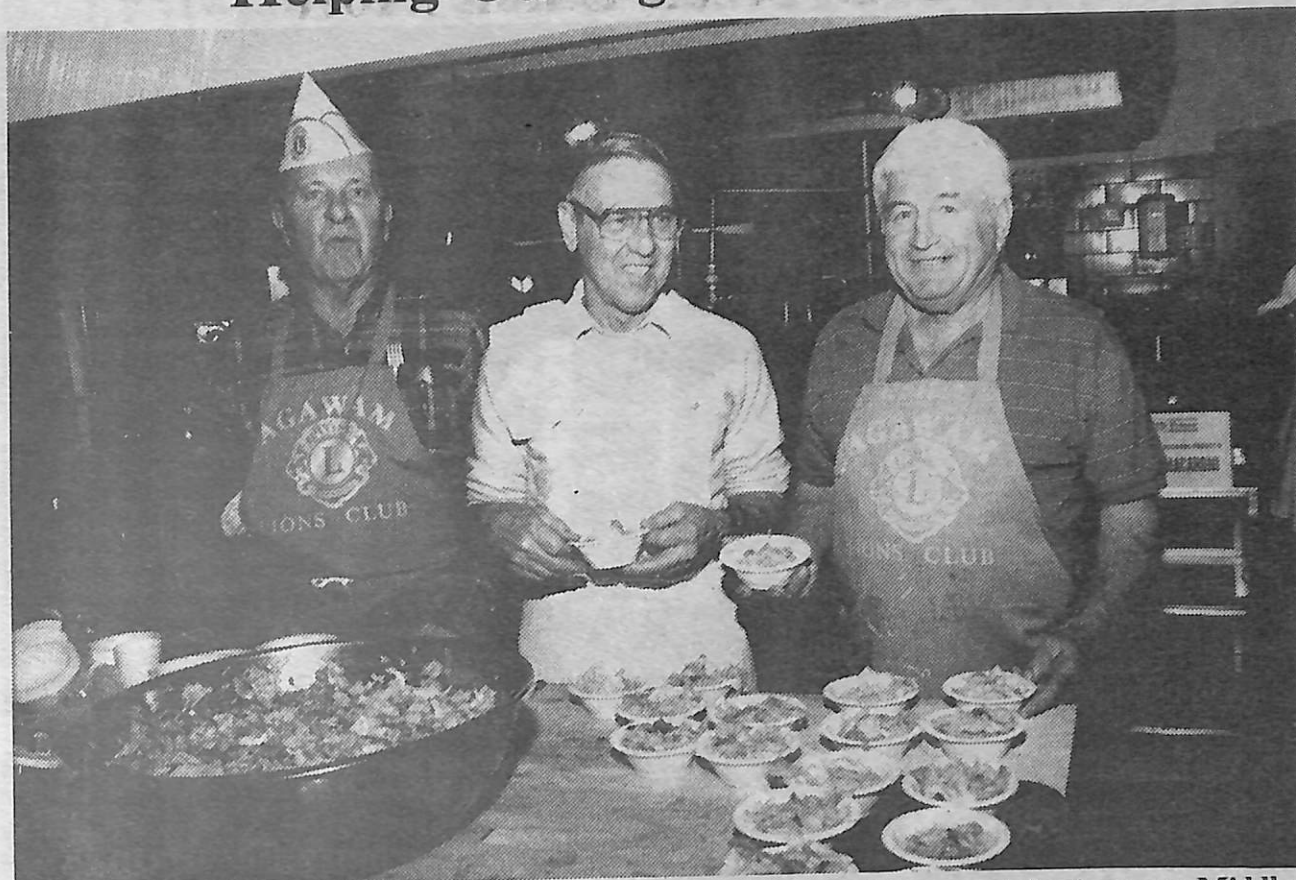
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Helping Out Agawam Lioness



FOR THE RECENT AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB Macaroni Supper at the Agawam Middle School, Lions Club members, from left - Art Fuchs, Matt Blackak, and Charlie Calabrese were in charge of the salad detail. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS FEW PAGES. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Kathy & Bob Glista Announce Birth Of Son

Kelly Glista of Feeding Hills is proud to announce that she has a new brother, David Bradford Glista.

David was born on November 14th, and weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19½ inches long.

Parents are Kathy & Bob Glista, and they think he's just great!

Grandparents Marian & Ralph Bradford of Southwick, and Ted & Dot Glista of Ludlow are overjoyed.

Grange To Continue With Card Parties In December

After a Thanksgiving break, the card parties at the Grange will be held on the first and third Thursdays in December, the 6th and 20th. Play will be directed by Hannah Binns, assisted by Caroline Almquist, starting promptly at 7:30 p.m.

A record number of players surprised the last committee and new guests are always welcome. With many prizes to be won and free refreshments, a pleasant evening is assured.

Marc & Susan Manna Announce Birth Of Son

Marc & Susan Manna, former Agawam residents now residing in Framingham, announce the birth of their second child, Thomas Joseph Manna.

He was born on October 23rd, and weighed 10 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

At home is big brother, Michael, who turned two on the same day.

Paternal grandmother is Barbara Manna of Chicopee.

Marc is sales manager for Expeditors International of Boston, an international transportation company.

Infant Toddler Intervention Slates Holiday Craft Fair

The Infant Toddler Intervention Program will be holding a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The event will take place at the Church of the Atonement, located at 36 Court Street, Westfield. There will be a large variety of crafts as well as a bake sale.



MR. & MRS. STEPHEN M. HAYDEN

Lisa Marie Mezzetti Bride Of Stephen M. Hayden

Saint John the Evangelist Church in Agawam was the setting for the recent wedding of Lisa Marie Mezzetti and Stephen Michael Hayden. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend Karl Huller and assisted by Reverend George Linse.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mezzetti of Agawam.

Parents of the bridegroom are Cynthia Hayden and the late Donald Hayden of North Brookfield.

Attendants to the bride were Tina O'Keefe, Barbara Annis, Cori Buoniconti, Kathy Schindler, and Gina Buoniconti.

Harry Williams served as best man. Ushers were Hank Gifford, Jeff Pollier, Tom Mezzetti, Jr., and Tony Buoniconti, Jr.

The bride attended Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, and is a graduate of Agawam High School. She worked as a flight attendant for Business Express Airlines until 1988. Currently, she is an elementary education major, recently inducted as an Alpha Chi National Honor Society member at American International College.

Her husband is a graduate of North Brookfield High School. He received his bachelor's degree in aeronautical science and his associate's degree in business administration from Hawthorne College in New Hampshire. Presently, he is a commercial airline pilot employed by Business Express Airlines in Connecticut.

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Helping Salvation Army



WARREN LUTHGREN, general manager of New England School Supply on Silver Street, and his helper, Debra Haney, will be out with other NE School Supply employees to collect funds for the Salvation Army during this holiday season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Youngsters Invited To Library's Christmas Program

The Agawam Public Library cordially invites preschoolers and young "true believers" to a Christmas program on Saturday, December 8th, at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas stories and the filmstrip, "Looking for Santa Claus" will be the order of the day, as well as a few seasonal surprises, including an appearance by a very special visitor from the North Pole.

Preschoolers and children through age eight may register for the event by calling the library at 789-1550, or may sign-up at the library circulation desk in person.

Renovation At Credit Union Moving Well



CONSTRUCTION at the Agawam Federal Credit Union on Washington Avenue Extension is moving right along. In fact, since this pictured was taken last week, the roof has been completed and the windows are in. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Special Holiday Menu At Senior Center Dec. 20th

A special holiday menu of roast beef and all the trimmings will be offered on Thursday, December 20th, at the Agawam Senior Center. There will be two sittings, 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The second sitting is open to the public and will be a "fundraising event" to assist the nutrition program. We encourage you to bring a guest for the occasion. Seniors 60 and over, a donation of \$1.50 is requested, and guests under 60, are \$2.75. Reservations are a must, and are now open. Call the Senior Center, 786-0400.

CHECK OUR CLASSIFIEDS

Mrs. Claus To Visit Town At Public Library Dec. 20th

This year once again the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Agawam Junior Women's Club has asked Mrs. Claus if she would be able to take time out of her busy schedule to visit with the children and possibly read us one of her favorite stories.

Good news! Mrs. Claus will be at the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, December 20th, after school from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. So don't forget to come and visit with her.

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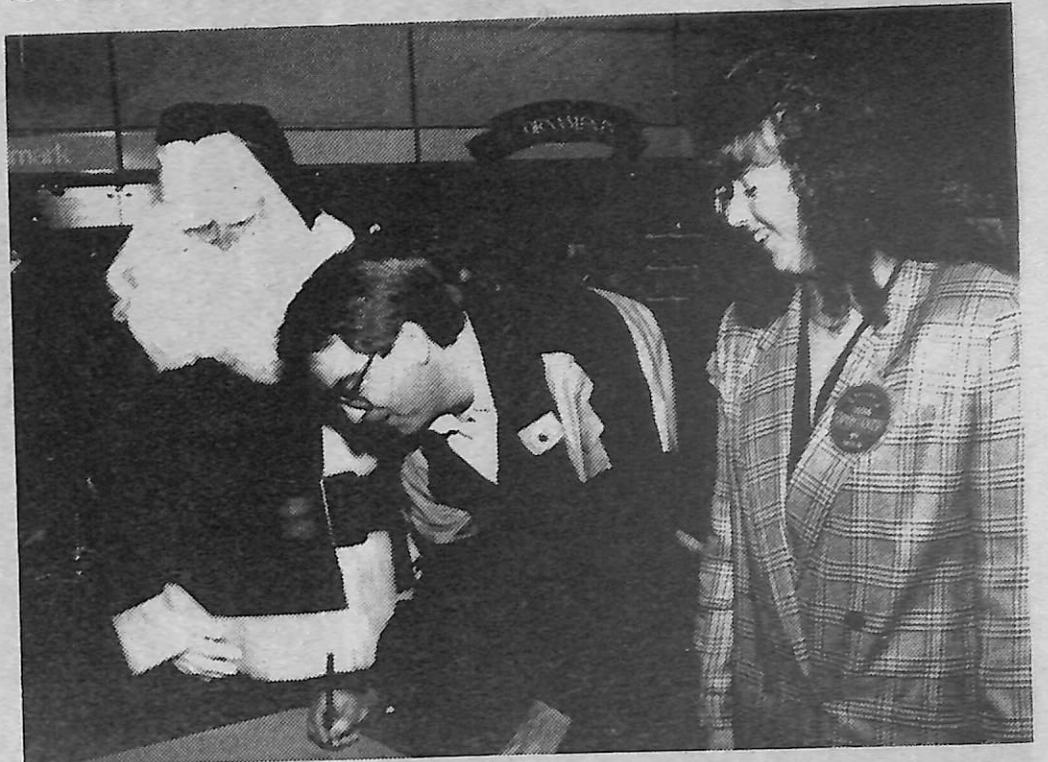


Spotlight On Business

Huge Xmas Card Being Sent To U.S. Servicemen



LAURIE CAWLEY, 7, signs her name to a huge Christmas Card at Surprise! Card & Gifts at Southgate Shopping Plaza, Agawam. The card is being sent to U.S. servicemen in the Persian Gulf. Looking on, of course, is Santa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON signs his name to a Christmas Card as Santa Claus and Surprise! Card & Gift employee Deborah McElligott look on. The card is being sent to U.S. servicemen in the Persian Gulf. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Decorate-it-Yourself

Home Improvement Tips
From



MICHAEL LAZZARI
Vice President

Painting Exteriors Made Easier By A Few Pointers

Painting the exterior of your home will give it an attractive appearance and provide protection from the weather.

There are many tips that will help you toward an easier and more successful outdoor painting job. First, choose a time of day when morning dew is gone and when sunlight is not direct—if paint dries too quickly, lap marks will show.

When using latex paints the temperature should be above 50 degrees F. If it is warmer than 70 degrees, it is best to paint in shaded areas, following the sun around the house so the paint won't dry too quickly.

Two topcoats are recommended to prolong the life of the coating—the first should be applied with a brush, rather than a roller or pad, to make sure an adequate film of paint is worked into the surface.

After thoroughly mixing the paint, split full gallons between two containers so it is safer and easier to use. Load your brush properly by dipping the bristles to half their length and remove excess paint by tapping (not wiping) the brush against the side of the container.

For siding, start at an upper corner and paint a deep strip, extending it horizontally to the next corner or to an intervening door or window. Next, starting below the first strip of paint, begin painting a new one, overlapping the dry area with the previously painted area.

After the main body of the house has been painted, the next step is to paint wood trim and frames around windows and doors. Make sure to use a shield to avoid dripping paint on the siding. The next step is to enjoy a freshly painted and weather-protected house.

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KATHYRN M. AYRE

Kathryn M. Ayre Now Has CRS Designation

Kathryn M. Ayre, an Agawam Realtor, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, affiliated with the National Association of Realtors.

The award was announced during the RS Council and The Realtors National Marketing Institute meetings, held in conjunction with the national meetings of the National Association of Realtors, November 8th to 13th, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The nationally recognized CRS designation is a symbol of excellence in residential sales. Those receiving the CRS must complete the required Residential Sales courses offered by the Residential Sales Council and must demonstrate expertise in applied residential marketing. The more than 29,000 individuals now recognized as Certified Residential Specialists benefit by greater awareness of the latest sales methods. They are able to better serve clients and represent properties professionally. Less than 2 percent of realtor-associates have received the honor of being a CRS.

Kathy is a sales manager with George & Green Real Estate Company, Inc. at 770 Main Street, Agawam. She is a member of the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors and the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. She also is a member of the Agawam Rotary Club and is on their Board of Directors. Kathy also serves on the Agawam Economic and Development Corporation for the Town of Agawam. She is involved with The Children's Miracle Network Telethon, as well as being on the executive committee for the March of Dimes.

The Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute is dedicated to the education of sales associates. It offers texts, magazines and services to help the sales associates' careers.

George & Green Recognizes Agents



KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, and Barbara Vaughn (right), assistant manager, present agent Chet Kasperek with a plaque naming him as the "Top Listing Agent" for September; Ken Barrepski was named as the "Top Selling Agent." The company was established in 1975. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



KATHLEEN A. ALTOBELLI

Kathleen Altobelli On George & Green Team

George & Green Real Estate is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathleen A. Altobelli, realtor, to its corporate office at 770 Main Street, Agawam.

Kathy comes to us after four years at the Holiday Inn, Springfield, where she was administrative assistant to the general manager and a customer relations specialist.

Kathy earned an associate degree in administration and marketing at Holyoke Community College in 1986. She is a lifelong resident of Agawam with many interests. She is a health enthusiast and an avid sports fan.

She is anxious to put her skills to work for real estate buyers and sellers and is especially eager to assist first-time homebuyers. If you have any questions about real estate, give Kathy a call at 789-3985 or 786-1577. She will be happy to help.

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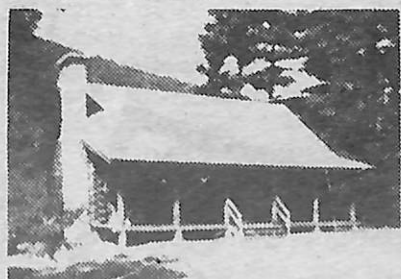
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Many Different Parts Of Comprehensive Eye Exam

by Dr. Richard W. Gallerani
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There are many different parts of a comprehensive eye examination. These different parts evaluate a large number of different visual functions. Many people are unaware that a basic neurologic evaluation is conducted during each examination.

There are 12 nerves that leave the brain and innervate the head and neck. These are called the cranial nerves. The function and health of six of these nerves is routinely assessed during an eye examination. Other nerve systems from the autonomic or "automatic" nervous system that controls involuntary reflex action are also evaluated.

During the course of the exam, vision is measured, pupil function is tested and the optic nerve appearance and health is evaluated. If these three are normal many possible neurologic problems have been eliminated.

The optic nerve is cranial nerve II and is a direct extension of the brain. If there is a tumor, the fluid that surrounds the brain is pushed forward and gives the nerve a swollen appearance. Other neurologic problems such as multiple sclerosis or stroke may cause a decrease in vision, a change in pupil reaction or appearance of the optic nerve. Therefore, if vision is 20/20, if the pupils react equally and normally, and if there is no swelling or atrophy of the optic nerve, neurologic disease such as tumor or MS is less likely.

Cranial nerves III, IV, and VI innervate the muscles that control eye movement. By evaluating the function of each muscle by testing eye movements in all positions the nerves can be evaluated. The VI nerve has a

long, poorly protected course to the muscle and is the most easily affected. Tumor, stroke, diabetes, or injury can all affect its function. This nerve controls the muscles for outward movement. Damage may result in the eye turning in or the inability to turn the eye out. Interruption of any of the nerves can result in double vision. Loss of function to cranial nerve IV will result in one eye being higher than the other.

In addition to controlling some muscle movement CN III controls lid elevation. A lid that droops suddenly may indicate neurologic problems involving CN III. Diabetes can also cause this to occur. An eye that has a drooping lid (called ptosis) with an eye that is down and out and unable to move in certain directions with a pupil size different from the other is an ominous sign. A neuromuscular disease called Myasthenia Gravis may also affect the muscles and may cause both lids to droop. Aristotle Onassis suffered from this.

CN VII controls lid closure as well as movement of the lips and cheeks. Damage to this nerve causes a Bell's palsy. The lid on the affected side does not close and the cheeks and lips on that side do not move. The patient would not be able to whistle on the affected side. In this condition there is risk of damage to the cornea from drying since the lid does not spread tears over the cornea to lubricate it. Artificial tears, lubricants, and patching may be required to maintain corneal health. Keep in mind that one branch of any nerve controls the right side and the other the left side. This helps in localizing the damaged area.

Cranial nerve V senses pain, heat, and touch for the

lids, eyes and face. This nerve can quickly be tested to determine any damage or asymmetry in sensitivity from one side to the other. Thus, six of the 12 cranial nerves can be tested and evaluated to quickly rule out neurologic disease. This is done routinely during comprehensive eye examinations.

If problems are suspected, two other cranial nerves can be evaluated quickly. CN I is the olfactory nerve and controls the sense of smell and CN VIII controls hearing. These can be tested to determine any loss of function or damage and give greater insight into the problem.

Another test that is frequently done to evaluate neurologic health is perimetry or a visual field test. Sight is such an important sense that nerve fibers from the eyes go to 90 percent of the brain. The visual field test will reveal where the damage has occurred as these fibers travel from the eye to the back of the brain where the signals are interpreted. Strokes or tumors in certain parts of the brain have a particular pattern of vision loss on the visual field. Tumors such as pituitary tumors also have a particular field defect.

As we have discussed in past articles an enormous amount of information about general health can be determined by an eye examination since the eye is the only place where working nerves and blood vessels can be observed. A thorough, comprehensive eye examination can furnish very specific information about neurologic health.

Noble Hospital Schedules Two CPR Programs

Noble Hospital has scheduled two public education programs on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.). The first two-part program will be held on December 5th and 11th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.; the second program takes place December 6th and 11th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. All sessions are held in the Education

Center at 4-6 Mill Street.

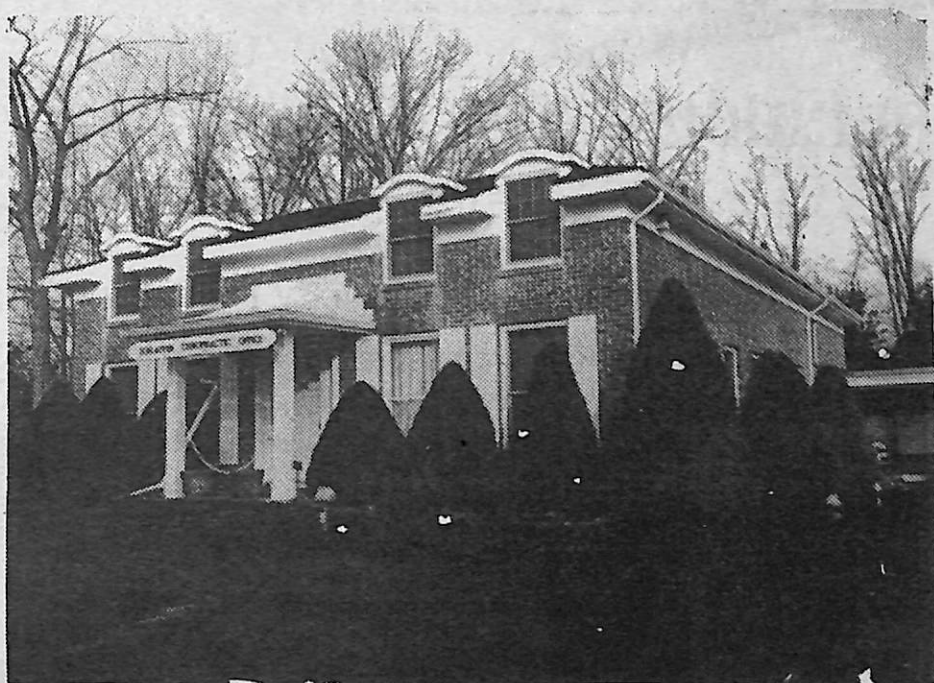
Noble Hospital's C.P.R. course—Basic Cardiac Life Support—teaches participants how to sustain the life of a heart-attack victim until medical intervention is available. The course also covers techniques on treating choking victims and is approved by the

American Heart Association.

All instructors for C.P.R. are certified by the American Heart Association in Basic Life Support.

The program is \$25. For further information or to register, call the Education Department, 568-2811, extension 529.

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Many people think chiropractors treat only musculoskeletal (muscles and bones) problems. But that's not the whole story. It's true that for conditions such as backache, sciatica and whiplash, chiropractic is a primary treatment. Yet other conditions which involve the organs, glands and tissues of the body are also affected by spinal nerve interference. The musculoskeletal system is an avenue of treatment to the entire body. Chiropractors can help a variety of problems including: numbness, sensory impairments, accident and sport injuries, headaches, strains, sprains and spasms; joint problems; structural abnormalities; stress disorders and tissue and organ system dysfunction.

Who can benefit from chiropractic care? Everyone. Since spinal misalignment is found in every segment of the population, chiropractic care is recommended for people of all ages. Children, with their frequent jolts and tumbles, are often most in need of spinal correction to prevent later & more serious consequences of their falls. The elderly, with their more delicate bones and musculature, are even more vulnerable to musculoskeletal shifts and imbalances. Just as we make regular visits to our dentist, so should the human spine be checked and adjusted periodically by a qualified doctor of chiropractic.

The doctor of chiropractic gives special attention to the relationship between our body's structure and way its system and tissues function. He or she understands that the mind has a strong influence on the body. As the environmental and personal stresses of life increase and the challenge to our mind-body health team intensifies, this relationship becomes even more important.

Chiropractic offers an advantage of patient education and emphasis on prevention. This is why chiropractic care is increasing in use and popularity.

Program On Sleeping Woes
At Mercy Hospital Dec. 5th

Snoring. Falling asleep too early. Chronic exhaustion. Feeling drowsy during the day. If any (or all) of these symptoms sound familiar, you or a family member may suffer from a sleeping disorder.

A free community education program entitled "All About Sleeping Disorders" will be offered December 5th at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health to address these symptoms associated with a sleep disorder. The 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. program is free and open to the public, and will be conducted in the Deliso Conference Center. Persons attending the lecture are asked to register from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 781-9100, extension 1501.

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I'm Not Going To Get
Sick This Winter!

Runny noses, sore throats, and aching head—sure signs that winter is here.

No matter where you are, this is the season where you have to protect yourself from the winter ailments. To build immunity against colds, here is a list of medical discoveries and recommendations, including a set of suggestions for cold-proofing yourself and your family by Ira W. Gabrielson, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Wash Your Hands. Believe it or not, a cold virus must literally be handed to you by a cold sufferer to cause a cold and is not particularly infectious when it comes to you via a sneeze or cough. If you get the virus on your hands, and then touch your face even remotely near your nose, the cold virus may have a new home. So, dispose of soiled tissues, wash your hands, and don't touch your face excessively.

Humidify Your House. During winter, many heating systems keep home environments too dry. This dries out the moist lining of the nasal membranes and respiratory passages. Keeping the thermostat set at 68°F is also important. When your home is cooler, air can hold and retain more moisture.

Proper Clothing. Being overdressed can hurt you as much as being underdressed. Since the average person emits the equivalent of the heat from a 200 watt light bulb, extra layers of clothing are not necessary and can be harmful. When you layer yourself in too many sweaters, vests, and turtleneck jerseys, you can perspire twice as much. Consequently, your body pours out twice as many of its natural body fluids and your clothing becomes damp with perspiration. The result? You are not insulated, as wet clothing is useless against colds and flu, so you are at increased risk of illness.

Noble Hosp.
Has Healthy
Heart Prog.

Noble Hospital will offer a "Healthy Heart" cooking class on Tuesday, December 4th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Noble Hospital Auditorium. The special holiday menu will include heart-healthy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and meal accompaniments.

The class fee of \$10 per person includes a lecture, cooking demonstration, recipes, and samplings of the holiday items. Local chef Tony Aubrey will present the demonstration.

Preregistration is required by December 3rd. To register call Noble's Cardiac Rehabilitation Department, 568-2811, extension 229.

Supplements Can Make A Difference:

Vitamin A. Mucous membranes need vitamin A to help strengthen this line of defense when a harmful substance enters the nasal passage. Mucous glands contain lysozyme, an enzyme which builds immunity against viruses, and which requires vitamin A in order to function efficiently.

Vitamin C. Dr. Terence W. Anderson of the University of Toronto reported a study involving 600 healthy volunteers. At the first sign of illness, one group took vitamin C. The remaining participants received a placebo, containing no vitamin C. The vitamin C group reported fewer colds. More importantly, the colds they did get were less severe, resulting in 3 percent fewer sick days and less absence from work than the control group.

Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling's contention is that vitamin C is an easy and safe way to prevent or alleviate colds. Should you contract a cold, he recommends that you increase your intake from 1000 to 10,000 milligrams, (1 to 10 grams) depending on your vitamin C tolerance and the severity of the illness. The bowel tolerance level is the amount that you can take without the laxative effect becoming a nuisance. Dr. Bernie Rappaport says, in the Practical Encyclopedia of Natural Healing, that his favorite cold-fighting recipe to "mix one-eighth of a teaspoon of cayenne pepper, the juice of one lemon, one minced clove of garlic and one gram of vitamin C. Sip slowly."

This mixture may work simply because the cayenne pepper and garlic both have germicidal properties. Lemons are rich in vitamin C, and also in bioflavonoids, which boost the action of vitamin C.

Zinc Lozenges. With Donald R. David, Ph.D., of the University of Texas performing various tests, it was shown that zinc could "ease cold distress." Dr. David reported in 'Antimicrobiology Agent and Chemotherapy,' "we suspect that the dissolved zinc coats the throat and stops the cold virus reproduction." The Davis regimen calls for one lozenge every two waking hours.

The number of colds in one year has been estimated at almost one billion. The National Center for Health Statistics says that at any one time, an average of 31 out of 100 people has had a cold in the previous two weeks. Colds account for one out of every five acute illnesses, and each year colds cause 262 million days of restricted activities, and millions of days lost from school and work. So don't let a cold catch you...out-run it with these preventive methods, and stay healthy!

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A Night With Hot Rock Group Voices Memorable

by Debra Macey Taylor
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Endzone on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield was the place to be on Saturday, November 17th. The local band **Voices** played to a packed house. The band's members are Brian Pioggia, Joe Rondoletto, and John Losito (all of Agawam), and Chris Cox and Doug LeBlanc. Incidentally, Pioggia has changed his name to Brian Christopher and Rondoletto has changed his to Joe Rondo.

Voices started at 10:30 p.m., with a set to get the audience going by doing a range of songs from Steve Miller to the Beach Boys. The dance floor was filled and the audience was clapping.

The second set featured all of their originals from the tape, *Do You Hear Voices* and some new material from their second tape, *Do You Hear Voices Too*, which will be coming out soon.

It is apparent **Voices** has a large and loyal following. There was standing room only during this set. There were people on the dance floor, but not as many as during the first set. That is because this band is so much fun to watch. They really have a good time when they are performing. This writer did not have a hard time watching them and neither did the rest of the female audience.

It must be very fulfilling to be a performer and have the audience sing along with you. It must be incredibly satisfying to hear the audience singing along with you on brand new songs and that was exactly what was happening.

During the first set, it was difficult to hear the vocals because the instruments were overpowering, but by the second set the kinks were worked out and the rich harmonies that make **Voices** so special were there in full force.

Russell Targove, **Voices'** musical coordinator, came up from New York City to hear the band and meet with them afterward. Targove formerly worked for Esquire Records in promotion and artist and repertoire. The band refers to Targove as "the New York Connection."

Targove tells a great story on how he started working with **Voices**. The band heard through a promotional friend that someone from a record company was going to be hearing acts at a club in New York called "Jammin'."

Voices rented a school bus and with their personal agent/manager Rick Knightly, headed to New York. "It



THE LOCAL ROCK GROUP *Voices*, features Agawam residents Brian Pioggia, Joseph Rondelotto, and John Losito. It also includes Chris Cox and Doug LeBlanc.

was about 1:00 in the morning," Targove stated. "Some guy grabs me and says I must hear somebody and would I give him just five minutes."

The band was waiting for Targove and as soon as Knightly walked out with him the band began to sing "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen without any music. "I was blown away," Targove said. "People on the street stopped to listen."

Targove is currently getting ready to showcase **Voices** at clubs in New York City for major labels within the month. "There are a lot of negative influences in the music industry today," Targove stated.

"**Voices**" is real talent and real music, the kind of music that should represent America."

This writer recently had the pleasure of interviewing **Voices**. This group is incredibly focused in their goal and totally devoted to the band. There is a bond and a definite friendship between them. "Oh we fight," Brian Christopher (Pioggia), the lead singer stated. "But once we're on that stage, it's over. We can't remember what we were fighting about when the set is over."

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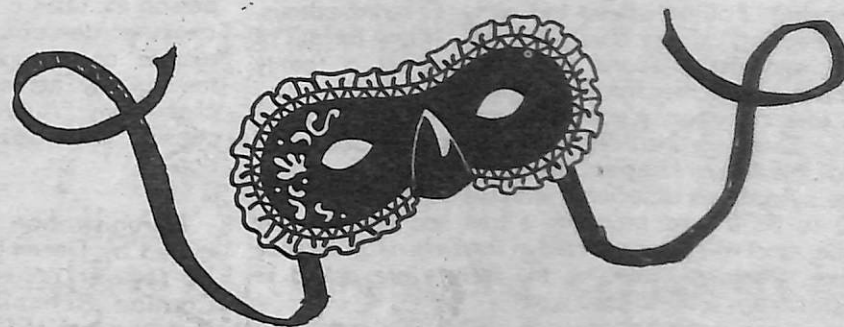
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Hilton Head Island...

On day three we left Emporia, Virginia at 8:45 a.m. and headed south on 95. Another beautiful day for traveling. Stopped for a late lunch in Santee, South Carolina. Gas in Santee was \$133.9 for unleaded regular—the least expensive of our trip. The most expensive was \$149.9 in Delaware.

We arrived at exit 21 at 3:30 p.m. and since this was a carefree "do as we pleased" trip, we decided to make a side trip to Hilton Head Island—30 miles east of 95 on 278. Hilton Head, off the coast of South Carolina, is the largest island between New Jersey and Florida. It is 12 miles long and up to five miles wide with a population of 12,800.

In 1956 the bridge to the mainland was completed and the island developed into an all-year resort offering marsh, woods, ocean, and wide, gently sloping beaches. Its recreational facilities include 23 golf courses (Harbour Town is considered one of the country's best), more than 300 tennis courts, riding stables, bicycle trails, and marinas.

Nature lovers can visit several wildlife and waterfowl habitats, and there are daily sightseeing and nature cruises. We drove around the island, stopping to see the beach and the Marriott Hotel. Both looked inviting. Shopping malls and restaurants abound.

My daughter, Darcy, made the trip south from Ver-

mont two weeks after me and she and her family also made the side trip to Hilton Head. They had dinner at Fitzgerald's Restaurant. She said the food and service were excellent and the prices were reasonable. Keep that one in mind should you find yourself vacationing on Hilton Head.

Darcy found the island a golfer and shopper's paradise. I have to agree with her. A word to the wise—travel in the spring or fall, if possible. There's one main road that intersects the island and I can envision the traffic congestion that must occur in the summer months. Hotel rates are lower in the off-season which is a major consideration as summer rates are expensive.

We arrived in Baldwin, Florida (just south of Jacksonville) around 8:30 p.m. and checked into a Best Western Hotel. Tired and hungry, we thought we were fortunate to be situated next door to a truck stop restaurant. My dad (who was a truck driver most of his life) told me a long time ago, "truck stops always have good food"—and I believed him. Well, he never ate at this truck stop, for sure!!

Early on day four of our trip we headed for Ocala to have breakfast with our cousin, Rita, who recently relocated from California to Florida. After a pleasant visit, we continued south on 75 with the air conditioner on high. It was October 7th and the temperature was in the 90's! We made one more stop in Venice where we had lunch at a nice restaurant on the water. We were happy to arrive in Fort Myers on day four at 3:30 p.m., having traveled 1,600 miles.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

I've been sitting by the pool hoping someone will give me a lead on a job. That didn't work so now I'm going to the beach to see if someone there can help me. If that doesn't work I might have to take drastic measures and read the want ads—or something like that.

I was standing on the beach with Lou Kunasek (formerly of Agawam) this week when she brought my attention to the dolphins swimming by—a pretty sight. I miss everyone but I definitely DON'T miss the cold weather. It's beautiful here. Keep those cards and letters coming!!

Area Garden Clubs In Storowton Xmas Fest.

A warm holiday glow, will emanate from beautifully decorated buildings, created by area garden clubs in Storowton Village during this season's free winter holiday festival, Yuletide at Storowton, December 1st and 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Garden Clubs participating in the event include West Springfield, Agawam, East Longmeadow, Westfield, and Wilbraham.

The Village's Meeting House will host musical performances, storytelling, and lectures plus a performance by the Agawam Congregational Bell Ringers.

Jim O'Brien and Damon Cook will perform songs and stories of early America on December 1st at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The duo will use instruments such as a fiddle, guitar, banjo, and jaw harp. O'Brien and Damon both work at Old Sturbridge Village where O'Brien is the head of all music programs. They have performed at many functions including the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown and the Worcester Art Museum.

Dennis Picard, Storowton Village program coordinator, will give a lecture titled "The Many Cultures of an Early American Christmas," December 1st at 12:00 noon and December 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Area choral groups will perform in the Meeting House including the Central High School Chorale, Cathedral High School Chorale, and the Ludlow High School Chordle.

Professional storyteller and musician, Mary Jo Maichack, will perform December 12th at 12:00 noon. Maichack, O'Brien, and Cook will also perform while wandering through the Village Green.

The Yuletide crafts of fireplace cooking, blacksmithing, and candle dipping take place daily, and there will also be craft demonstrators making baskets, brooms, hats and bobbin lace, rug hooking, spinning, woodworking, and more.

Other holiday activities include hayrides (\$1 charge), free ice skating and a "Christmas Corral" where live animals will roam awaiting a friendly pat from Village visitors.

During the festival weekend, trams will travel the grounds providing free transportation to those who wish to visit other events including: The Old Deerfield Christmas Sampler Craft Fair, December 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and December 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the New England Center (\$3 admission) and the New England Holiday Antiques and Collectibles Show, December 1st and 2nd, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the Young Building (\$3 admission).

For more information, call Storowton Village, 787-0136.

Agawam Rep. Theatre Holding Auditions

Agawam Repertory Theatre will be holding auditions for its spring production of "Einstein And The Polar Bear" by Tom Griffin on December 4th and 5th at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Auditions will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Parts for four men, ages mid-30's to mid-60's, and two women, ages 25 to 40 years are available.

Scripts are available at the Agawam Public Library for review. For more information, call 739-2111.

Bay Path College Seeks Male Actors & Singers

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path College will hold auditions for male actors, singers, and dancers on Monday and Tuesday, December 3rd and 4th, at 7:00 p.m., in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus.

Needed are men to fill roles in the College's March 1991 production of the musical, *The Boys From Syracuse*. Walk-ins are welcome; for more information contact Director Paul Norton, 567-0621.

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Most of them still maintain full-time jobs and try to have social lives. Joe Rondo (Rondoletto), the band's drummer, said, "It's hard. The band is more important right now. If there was suddenly no more band, it would be like having a four year relationship with a girlfriend end."

When asked where they wanted to be one year from now, Christopher stated, "Our short term goal is to all quit our day jobs and perform four or five nights a week in Boston or New York."

"Long terms, we would love to be playing civic

centers, but we hope to be maybe opening up for someone and negotiating a record contract."

Do You Hear Voices Too should be ready for distribution in early 1991 at Strawberries Records and their first tape, *Do You Hear Voices* is currently on sale. Best of luck to Voices and we will be keeping our eye on them.

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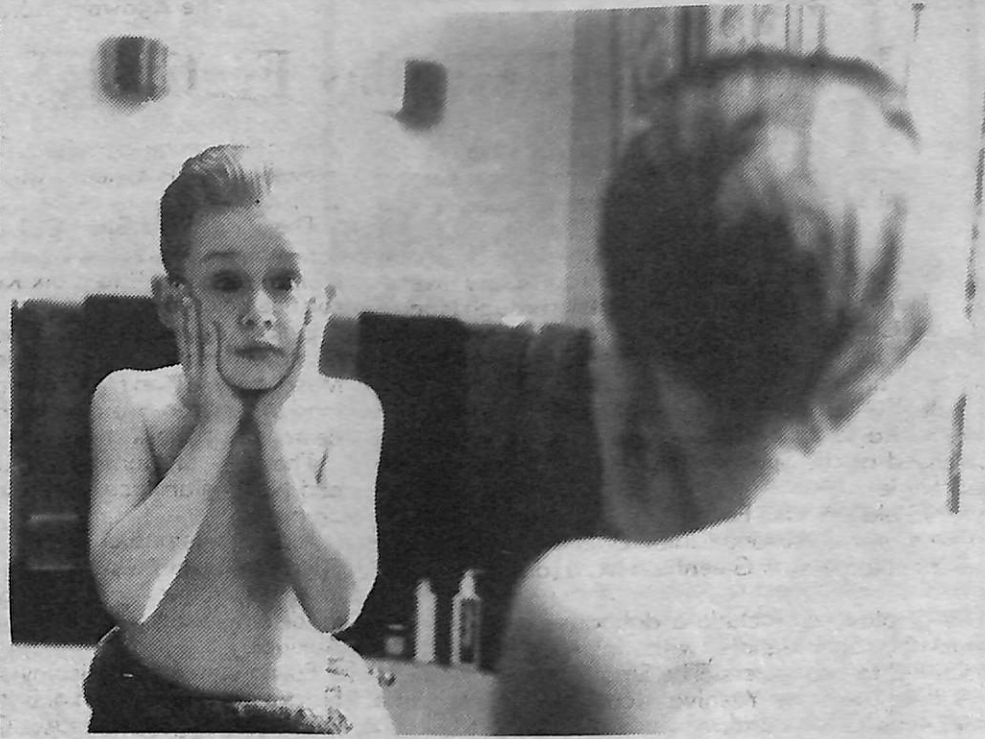
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MACAULAY CULKIN stars at eight year-old Kevin McCallister, who has to defend his house against a pair of bumbling burglars.

This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—Home Alone

It came out of nowhere, and like last summer's megahits *Pretty Woman* and *Ghost*, walked off with the lion's share of box-office receipts and the promise of enough repeat business to keep it in the black and on local screens through the winter.

The credit can be spread out among screenwriter John Hughes, the fine comedic hand of director Chris Columbus, a stellar supporting cast that includes two of the funniest burglars to stumble through a crime scene in years, and of course, the charming young star of this Christmas story, Macauley Culkin.

Culkin is cast as the black sheep of a family with so many children that they can't always keep track of everyone.

Culkin, as Kevin McCallister, takes the rap for a lot of wrongs and is sent to bed in an isolated attic room on the eve of the family's trip to France. He falls asleep wishing away the family that doesn't always take him to heart.

Naturally a power failure causes the family to oversleep, and in the hustle and bustle of getting to the plane on time, Kevin is left *Home Alone*, a fact his frantic parents don't realize until they are halfway across the Atlantic.

Kevin, meanwhile, wakes up in an empty house and thinks his angry wish came true; he's wished away his entire family.

With the days to go before Christmas, he sets out to become self-sufficient; he decorates the house, buys his groceries, does his own wash, makes his morning grooming a ritual, and confronts the terror of the 'monster' in the cellar (a blazing furnace). And then he stumbles onto a plan by the bumbling burglars Harry (Joe Pesci) and Marv (Daniel Stern) to rob his home.

The object of the game changes to one of defense, and at this point the previous charm and humor of the film escalates into all-out hilarity, replete with pratfalls, sight gags, and a style of physical comedy rarely seen in current films.

The flip side of this comic scenario involves the frantic efforts of Kevin's mother, Kate (Catherine O'Hara), to get back to the good ol' USA and save her child from a fate worse than...whatever. En route, she stumbles onto a benevolent polka band leader (John Candy) and heads to the rescue in the band's rental truck.

Home Alone taps into many familiar Christmas tunes, and uses them with a maximum amount of wit. Those songs include original versions of Bing Crosby's "White Christmas," "Please Come Home for Christmas" by Southside Johnny Lyon, "Rockin'

Around the Christmas Tree" by Brenda Lee, Chuck Berry's "Run Rudolph Run," "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," and "The Carol of the Bells."

Film clips that dot this story with nostalgia include *Miracle on 34th Street*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Home Alone has been selling out at many showings, so best advice is to get to that box office early enough to get tickets and a good seat. And be prepared to laugh until you cry. And then prepare to come back and see it again. And bring the whole family.

—Three Men and a Little Lady

Ted Danson, Tom Selleck and Steve Guttenberg reprise their roles from the comedy hit *Three Men and a Baby*, continuing the saga in *Three Men and a Little Lady*.

It's predictable, cute, funny, sassy and not quite as much fun as the original, but still not a bad choice...especially if *Home Alone* is sold out.

In this tale, the baby is growing into a little lady about to enter school. But a child with three dads—none of whom are married to mom—is beginning to create some problems.

Meanwhile, mom has a yen to get married, and Danson and Guttenberg are starting to want more of a social life than they've had in this menage-a-quartre. Selleck is the odd man out, telegraphing his interest in mom throughout the film and watching her fall into marriage and life in England with another man—all before rushing to the rescue in a cross country chase on a motorcycle.

While *Three Men and a Little Lady* comes close, it—like most sequels—falls short of the hilarity of the original. But it's not a bad second choice for a Saturday matinee.

—Dances With Wolves

Yes, there is a Santa Claus. He (Kevin Costner in disguise) spent several seasons in North Dakota producing, directing and starring in *Dances With Wolves*, his Christmas gift to the world.

It's a three-hour epic that begins with the bloody violence of a Civil War battlefield and a young soldier (John Dunbar as played by Costner) who would rather ride into the enemy and certain death than lose his bullet-ridden leg.

He emerges a hero, and opts to head for a desolate post on the frontier; a frontier he hopes to explore "while it's still there."

And so begins this saga, a spellbinding tale that is more often quiet and gentle, lulling the viewer into a relationship with each of its characters. There is Dunbar with his pensive thoughts, gentle nature, and sensitive and inquisitive journal entries detailing his experiences; his beloved horse, a character and personality unto himself; and the wolf, who dances on the horizons and eventually 'dances' with Dunbar in a playful romp across the prairie.

There is *Stands with a Fist*, the white woman raised in a Sioux tribe since childhood. And Kicking Bird, one of Dunbar's first encounters with another race and culture.

Dances With Wolves creates a window through which the viewer can peer into another time and place, and share the Indians perspective and their way of life—in the few remaining years these true native Americans will be free.

Dances With Wolves is a true epic, technically long at three-plus hours of running time, but it's time that passes almost before you can blink.

Dances With Wolves offers viewers a canvas of ever-changing portraits and panoramic vistas which—whether filmed on location or in a studio with mattes—are in a word...stunning.

Dances With Wolves offers a musical score of symphonic beauty blended with the tumultuous rhythms of tribal music.

Whether gazing at a skyline; writing realizations into that leather-bound journal by candlelight; racing with buffalo and Indians on the hunt; whether capturing a kiss from the woman he loves away from prying eyes... *Dances With Wolves* is a feast for the eyes, and all the senses.

It's more than images and meanings, however; it addresses issues of honor, loyalty and love. It captures the essence of a man's search for his true self; for inner peace. It teaches tolerance, self-sacrifice, patience and communication through the actions of its characters.

It also captures the cruelties of race against race, of man against nature, of culture against culture, and the horrors of prejudice.

Interspersed with all of this are moments of wit, wisdom, and humor that create a portrait of Indian life I've seen only once before (in the mind's eye, reading James Michener's *Centennial* chapter on the Arapaho nation). I was moved by that body of work; I was engulfed by this film.

Dances With Wolves is absolute, priority viewing. The hardest part may be finding other three-hour blocks of time to see it again...and again.

Holiday Festival Of Trees Includes "Taste of Westfield"

The Holiday Festival of Trees, benefiting the Greater Westfield Unit of the American Cancer Society, will once again include "A Taste of Westfield." Area restaurants will provide a sampling of favorite delicacies for this gala social event.

The Festival takes place November 30th, December 1st, and 2nd, at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

A Preview Party and the "Taste of Westfield" will kick-off the festival on November 30th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The festival continues Saturday, December 1st, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 2nd, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Jane Wallinovich, owner of Household Management Consultants (H.M.C.), will coordinate the catering service for this year's "Taste of Westfield." H.M.C. will

demonstrate their "Creative Entertaining" service, which allows a host or hostess to mingle with guests. Caterer and delicatessen owner Liz Coon of the European Market Place, Feeding Hills, has worked with H.M.C. previously and will lend her talents. Gloria DeFio and Diane Murray, owners of the Chalk Garden, Feeding Hills, will add elegance to the party with their unique decorating ability using fine porcelain, silk floral design, and victorian-style crafts.

Restaurants participating include B'Shara's, Burgandy's, Davio's Restaurant, Eat-A-Pizza, European Market Place, Flight Deck, Foster House, Fowler Farms, Gaetano's Ristorante, The Gallery Deli/Silver Shell, Good Table, Maple Leaf Inn, Points East, Quicky's Wings and Things, and Subway.

The Festival of Trees will offer trees, wreaths, stockings, door swags and other holiday items for sale. Over 120 items will be available for purchase with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society. Six completely decorated, full-size, artificial trees will be given as prizes in a holiday drawing. Any purchase is tax deductible.

Tickets for the Preview Party and Taste of Westfield are \$6. Tickets for the festival on Saturday and Sunday are \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and children.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, Cherry Red Gift Shop, Noble Hospital, Westfield YMCA, and the Westfield Council on Aging. For more information on tickets, contact Mary Knight, 568-9797 after 6:00 p.m.

International Holiday Festival At Springfield Museums Dec. 2nd

More than a dozen cultural organizations have banded together to raise badly needed funds to help sustain educational programs by the Springfield Library and Museums.

The International Holiday Festival on Sunday, December 2nd, will celebrate the extraordinary diversity of winter solstice activities—be they through Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, or other holidays—as celebrated by the host of ethnic and cultural groups that make up Greater Springfield.

From 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the finest examples in ethnic heritage and entertainment in the Valley will be showcased at the Springfield Science Museum at the Quadrangle.

Springfield's Jewish Federation will share Hanukkah traditions with a talk and exhibit of 20 menorahs made by Archie Nahman of Greenfield from found industrial parts.

The display will include a dollhouse decorated for Hanukkah, and dreidls with instructions will be distributed to youngsters. The Sinai Temple Chorus of Springfield, and the Yeshiva Academy Chorus, from Longmeadow, will perform.

Italian heritage will be showcased with a performance of Italian opera by Maria Piscione and a display of carvings, pictures, jewelry and embroidery by the Italian Cultural Center.

Several Polish groups have joined together to offer a variety of activities, including storytelling by Stanley Radosh of Amherst and a demonstration of wycinanki, the traditional art of paper cutting, by Esther Wojcik of Chicopee. The Polish Saturday School of Holyoke will sing Polish Christmas carols and perform Jaselka, a Polish Nativity play, sponsored by the Unitas Society of Poles. The Harvest Festival (Dozynki) Dancers from St. Joseph's National Catholic Church in Westfield will perform folk dances. Traditional Polish decorations will include a tall tree with folk ornaments, a large il-

luminated creche and a Polish eagle. Mieczyslaw Wojtkowski of Pittsfield will display Polish wood sculptures.

The Springfield Girls' Club Dancers, under the direction of Carol Rawson will perform "A History of Black Women in Dance" to mark Kwanza, the African solstice celebration.

Links, a professional Black women's group, will display ritual Kwanza objects. And the Science Museum's African Hall Steering Committee will exhibit masks by Elton Braithwaite of Granby, who will also demonstrate mask making.

The Sons of Norway's Viking Chorus will perform, and Norwegian lace, embroidery and knitting will be on display.

Islamic arts and crafts will be displayed by the New England Muslim Sisters Association, and Irish crafts, including linens, sweaters and Waterford crystal, will be displayed by the John Boyle O'Reilly Club Ladies Auxiliary.

Edwin Lyman will display several hundred pieces of his extensive collection of British Victorian toy soldiers in such settings as Windsor Castle and the Delhi Durbar (the parade commemorating the coronation of King Edward, which marked the largest celebration in British/Indian history).

If toy soldiers are a traditional holiday favorite, so are dolls and they will be well represented. Nini Marshall will display her collection of Japanese dolls at the International Holiday, and provincial French dolls will be exhibited by Le Cercle des Dames Francaise.

Dressed in traditional Green costumes, St. Luke's Philoptochos Society will display Greek artifacts and sell baklava and sweet breads.

Members of Springfield Turnverein, wearing traditional costumes, will display German nutcrackers, advent wreaths, candles, embroidery and baskets made out of Christmas cards.

In celebration of a tasty German tradition, the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is again holding their gingerbread house contest among area schools. Entries by 10 participating schools from Massachusetts and Connecticut will be on display at the International Holiday.

Fifth and sixth grade students from Springfield schools are making more than 100 flags reflecting their own ethnic roots which will be displayed in the museum. The Commerce High School Choir, DeBerry third and fourth grade Chorus, and the Pottenger Elementary School Moppets, both from Springfield, will perform holiday music.

Storytellers from the Springfield City Library will tell international stories throughout the afternoon.

To enable visitors to do some holiday shopping while they are at the Quadrangle, the Friends of the Library will be selling gift books with an international theme. The Science Museum Shop will be open, selling an array of books, gems, minerals, African crafts, and other ideal gifts. Several of the participating groups will also be selling their own food specialties. Across the Quadrangle, the Museum of Fine Arts Shop will also be open.

Tickets—\$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12—will include admission to all activities as well as two special exhibitions: *Les Petites Dames de Mode*, sponsored by Eastfield Mall, in the Museum of Fine Arts, and *The Inventions of Leonardo*, sponsored by the Springfield Chapter of UNICO, at the Springfield Science Museum.

Free parking for the International Holiday Festival and all activities of the Springfield Library and Museums is available at the Association's lots on State Street and on Edwards Street. Additional parking is located in the Civic Center parking garage, two blocks from the Quadrangle.

Victory Players Announce Casting Call For "The Musical Comedy Murders Of 1940"

The Victory Players has announced a casting call December 12th, 13th, and 14th for its upcoming play "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

Auditions will be held from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., in St. Paul's Church, 485 Appleton Street (Route 141), Holyoke. Callbacks will be on December 18th.

There will be a need to cast five men, including one black man, and five women in the play.

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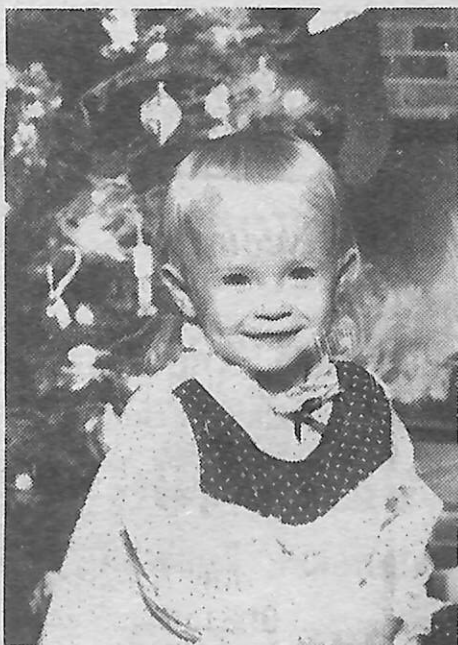
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Encore Players To Stage "Lucky Spot"

Encore Players' temptress Mary Treiber (Lacey) considers a proposition from Steve Henderson (Hooker) during rehearsals of the forthcoming Encore Players' production of Beth Henley's holiday comedy, "The Lucky Spot." Actress Kathy Renaud appears dejected and left outside during the play which takes place on Christmas Eve in a taxi dance hall in rural Louisiana.

Mary Treiber was last seen as Stella Mae in the Encore Production of "Come Back To The 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean." She has received two "Best Actress" awards from the CTA Festival for her roles in "Stay Where You Are" and "Artichokes." Steve Henderson last appeared in the Encore production of "Social Security" and has also appeared in "The Latch" and "Cast Parties."

The versatile Kathy Renaud has appeared in many East Coast theatres and won the "Best Actress" award for her role as Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" at the Papermill Theatre in New Jersey.

Also appearing in the cast are Jamie Cass, Bruce Harvey, Sal Marzano, and Sheryl Stanzak.

"The Lucky Spot" will open at the MacDuffie School on Ames Hill Road in Springfield on Thursday, December 6th, and continue on December 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, at 8:00 p.m., and December 16th, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Sal's Boutique, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Don't miss out on this holiday present from Encore! For further information, contact Candy Hill, 730-6011, or Jim Curran, 568-8435.

Feeding Hills Resident Richard Femmel Continues His Series On Life In China

The following stories about fashion in China were prepared with assistance from Dina Fessler, an American teacher at China Textile University. Miss Fessler is teaching fashion at CTU for one year.

Chinese fashion is both advanced and way behind the West. The biggest change that I have noticed since I last visited China in 1987 is how well the Chinese dressed compared to 1987. Their colors are brighter and their clothing is more Western.

Stonewashed jeans are everywhere. While people from Shanghai dress very Western, the people who come to Shanghai from the countryside still dress pretty much the same as they did 10 years ago. Thus, the conflicting styles in fashion in China.

Shanghai people are considered the best dressed in China and the clothes shopping is also considered to be the best in Shanghai. This is primarily because Shanghai is the most important industrial city in China and the people are considered to be the most Western conscious. Shanghai also has a long history of Western influence.

Prior to liberation (as the Chinese call it) in 1949,

Shanghai was a city run by the Americans, British, and French. This heavy Western influence is still apparent in Shanghai today from the architecture, to the outdoor cafes, to the Western clothes.

The difference in fashion is most noticeable with my students. My students who come from the countryside tend to dress very (traditionally) Chinese. My students from Shanghai or Guangzhou tend to dress more Western.

However, students have very little money to spend on clothing and it is not uncommon to see a student wearing the same outfit several days in a row.

Many of the styles of clothing worn by my students, Westerners would never consider wearing. For example, most of the female students have at least one pair of black polyester pants flaring at the ankles and slightly pulling at the thighs. Most of the guys wear "platform" shoes with a 2 inch heel.

In the summer the guys like to wear "platform" sandals with a 2 inch heel and colored socks.

One day I saw one of my students who is on the soccer team (and prides himself on his appearance) in a typical Chinese outfit trying to look Western. He was wearing a nice white tennis shirt, white tennis shorts, white socks, and black platform shoes.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Feeding Hills resident Richard Femmel is teaching for a year at the Chinese Textile University in Shanghai. This is a continuation of his series of articles that he has submitted about his observations on Chinese society.



MARY TREIBER and STEVE HENDERSON rehearse a scene from the Encore Players' upcoming play, "The Lucky Spot."

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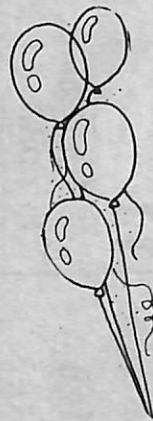
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Education

Mira Wankelmuth's Summer Vacation Includes "Leisure" Kayaking Around Italian Boot!

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

At first glance, Mira Wankelmuth of Feeding Hills appears to be a typical schoolgirl in the junior class at Agawam High. But this "typical American" schoolgirl spends her summer vacations traveling between Germany and Italy. She speaks impeccable German. Her Italian is considered good.

During her European vacations she routinely kayaks in the open sea and this past summer she and a friend paddled around Italy's Apulian Peninsula.

So what else is new about this "typical American" teen? In fact, Mira, 16, is a citizen of Germany who first came to the Agawam School System in 1986 on a five-year visa. She resides with the LaFrance family of Feeding Hills from Labor Day until she returns to her natural family immediately after school ends in June.

Mira is expected to graduate with the AHS Class of 1992. She is a bright and articulate young woman who's English would never betray her German citizenship.

Mira's story is a captivating one. She owned her first kayak (or kajak as she spells it from Europe) at age seven. In Germany she watched as kajak teams paddled down swift rivers while fighting the rapids and undercurrents.

Mira told us, "After having witnessed a couple of dramatic kajak accidents near Munich involving such famous people as Pjiron, I chose the less extreme and calculable-risk kajak sport. I did quite well on flat water kajak races, but the good athletes had their anabolic problems. So sea kajaking became my favorite choice."

By age 12 Mira's father worked in Italy and she attended school in Southern Italy. Her friends spoke the local Apulia dialect, which Mira says is somewhat removed from Italian. "So I, the German girl, had to learn Italian in school as a foreign language and the Apulian dialect so I could understand my teachers and communicate with my friends."

While living in Apulia, Italy, Mira was only "a couple of kilometers from the Adriatic Sea. I had my playground right at my front door."

"In the early spring of 1986, I asked my father to help me kajak alone around the heel of the Italian boot. As kajaking in South Italy was hardly known, I would have been the first girl to kajak around Italy's furthestmost southern peninsula," Mira related.

After some argument, Mira's dad gave her the green light. She remembered, "I put my five meter flat water racer into the harbor of Fasano and started my 'world

premiere.' But my ambitions were literally destroyed by the air raid by the U.S. Air Force against Ghedaffi in Libya.

"He sent two rockets towards Sicily, and for two weeks Italy was on alert. No harbor master would allow this young kayak-freak to sail around the peninsula."

On April 25th, Mira was ready to start again. She explained, "Due to the northeast wind, I took off from the harbor of Taranto. At least 20 fishermen accompanied me out of the harbor and sent me off with a farewell and all the prayers necessary to survive such a (in their eyes) crazy sea journey."

"I paddled along the absolutely empty beaches south of Taranto while heading for the beautiful Porto Cesareo."

But the turn of another major event in history, like the bombing of Libya, cancelled Mira's trip. Her father, who had been supervising the trip from the beach road running parallel to the Ionian Coast most of the way, aborted the trip.

Mira said, "After I had pulled out of my kajak at Porto Cesareo, my life changed instantly. On April 26th (1986) the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant incident occurred. Postponement number two was a real blow, the most terrible blow mankind can produce. A radioactive cloud was heading over Europe and was coming our way."

"Of all the people I knew in South Italy, including my teachers, no one knew what radioactivity really meant. Nor did I. From the first of May everything went on as if our family had to follow an indisputable military plan."

"In a matter of 10 days or so, I found myself in Washington, D.C.," said Mira.

And it was over three years before she returned to Apulia.

Mira said America, especially Massachusetts, has become her home.

This past summer Mira, at age 16, decided to again tackle the task that had eluded her back in 1986. "I finally paddled around the Apulian Peninsula. I was no longer a European child who wanted to set a kind of silly record. I was now an American high school teenager."

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR Mira Wankelmuth paddled around the Italian boot in her kayak last summer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER Wayne Macey, coordinator of the Project D.A.R.E. Program in Agawam, receives a donation from Agawam Junior Women's Club members Laura Paul (left) and Ann Woodard. The Juniors sponsored a Walk-a-Thon from the Polish Club to Agawam High earlier in the fall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Changes At Jr. High Discussed By School Bd.

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam Junior High School Coordinator of the Language Department, Frances Anthony, and Principal Thomas O'Keefe presented the School Committee with proposed changes for the Junior High next year at a workshop meeting last week.

O'Keefe said, "In 1988 when the School Committee first talked about moving the ninth grade up to the high school, we began our work to prepare."

Mrs. Anthony told the committee that there was a 14-member committee made up of guidance, industrial arts, home economics, music, arts, all department heads, and one administrator (Kevin Littlefield, assistant principal) who had drafted proposals for what each department recommended.

She said, "In October we reconvened to reevaluate the original proposals to see if there was anything that had already been accomplished or anything they wanted to update."

The first proposal was a keyboarding and computer course for a half-year in the typing room, and the other half-year in a computer room (mandated) for eighth graders.

The next proposal was to ask that French and Spanish classes be dropped back to seventh grade level. Mrs. Anthony said, "Sixty percent of all schools surveyed are offering a language in grade seven. The

sooner the student is exposed to a language, the greater the fluency."

With the foreign language proposal came a contingent proposal that seventh grade would have a reading program offered four times a week for non-language students and twice a week to language students. Eighth grade language students would not have a reading program.

Students in the language program in seventh grade would be recommended from teachers and would be an elective course.

In eighth grade there would also be an entry level as well as the sequence (for those beginning in grade seven). Seventh grade foreign language would be twice a week for one-half year, and eighth grade would be four times a week for the entire year.

Superintendent James Bruno said the mandatory developmental reading course in the ninth grade has not yet been addressed at the high school level.

Mrs. Anthony said the Junior High committee also is proposing a formal study skills unit in the seventh grade reading program, "involving all students at this level."

O'Keefe said, "Our final proposal is a full-blown intramural program for all our students next year at the Junior High."

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JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS Donna Shibley (left) and Eileen Hamre present Robinson Park School students Jared Hamre, Alicia LeClair, and Adam Escobar with their certificates for participation in the recent Walk-a-Thon to benefit Project D.A.R.E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MIRA - from Page 43...

Mira wishes to especially thank her American parents, David & Janice LaFrance of Duclos Drive, Feeding Hills, for all their caring and support during her adaptation to her new school life in Agawam.

"I also wish to thank all of my teachers, both past and present, who have helped me so much in learning English and adapting to my new home. I also wish to thank the U.S. immigration officer who gave me a five-year visa to stay in the U.S.A.," she said.

Mira hopes that her kayak trip around the Italian boat with her girlfriend can be told in a magazine sometime in the future. She has taken the time to write down all of her adventures, vividly describing the history of the land and her contact with the local inhabitants along the way.

Mira says she is looking for a typist to correct and prepare her manuscript. Her story is portrayed with both intelligence and emotion.

Mira's knowledge of the ancient history of the area, combined with her assessment of the beauty she witnessed, form an enchanting account of her summer adventure that is enlightening to the reader.

Children's Museum Has Small FryDays

The Children's Museum's program for its youngest visitors, Small FryDay, continues to provide infants, toddlers and preschoolers with a time in the Museum that is all their own. Each Friday during the school year, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, groups are prohibited in the Museum. In addition, the Museum offers participatory workshops, designed especially for the small frys, that provide ideas, skills and finished products for children and their parents to bring home.

The workshops slated for late November and December, which take place at 10:45 and 11:30 a.m., are as follows:

November 30th—"Face Your Feelings." Children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and use paper plates to make a face.

December 7th—"The Gingerbread Man." A flannel board story about the Gingerbread Man will precede the making of gingerbread men/women/people and/or puppets by the children.

December 14th—"Make Your Own Maracas" and play along with the band.

December 21st—"Print Your Own Holiday Cards or Designs."

December 28th—Vacation Week, no Small FryDay program.

Workshop fees are \$2 for non-members and \$1.50 for members in addition to Museum admission. The workshops are led by the Museum's preschool consultant Kathy Anderson.

The Children's Museum is located at 444 Dwight Street, adjacent to Holyoke Heritage State Park. Admission is \$3 per person (\$2.50 for senior citizens). Children under one and members are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 536-KIDS.

AHS Mohawks End Fall With Medals

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawk Band recently completed the Fall 1990 marching season with a Gold Medal, and Division II First Place Award at the Annual Quincy Christmas Parade. The parade, which took place on Sunday, November 25th, attracted bands from throughout the state, including Agawam, Chicopee, Chicopee Comp, and Pittsfield from Western Massachusetts.

This marks the sixth year in a row that Agawam has taken first place honors; this year narrowly winning over Abington High School. The next performance of the Agawam High School Band will be at the Annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 19th, at 7:30 p.m., at the high school.

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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, December 3rd: Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled fruit cocktail, milk.

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Wednesday, December 5th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned green beans, mustard, relish, ketchup, gingerbread bread with topping, or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, December 6th: Roast turkey with gravy, seasoned carrots, whip potatoes, bread and butter, cranberry sauce, raspberry jello with topping, milk.

Friday, December 7th: Chicken and vegetable soup, ½ tuna salad sandwich, ½ fluffernutter sandwich, potato puffs with ketchup, ice cream cup, milk.

Agawam Residents On AIC Honors List

American International College inducted 44 new members into Alpha Chi, a national honor society and member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Alpha Chi recognizes students of high academic achievement, and encourages students to continue their development through graduate work.

The following AIC students were recently inducted into Alpha Chi:

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Agawam High Students Receive Program On Depression & Teen Suicide Prevention

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Granby school psychologist Cheryl Leary and Springfield psychiatric nurse Diane Wellstead visited Agawam High School to discuss depression and suicide prevention last week with seniors.

Classes met throughout the day in the high school library for this month's third series of health discussions being presented through a grant from the Governor's Alliance on Drugs and Alcohol.

Mrs. Wellstead told students she had come to "give some insight as to what to do if a friend came to you or if you are depressed" and exhibited signs of suicide.

She said, "I'm a very shy, introspective person. When I was 18, I was very down on myself and in a depression." She told students that the majority of people feel shy but can overcompensate. "Johnny Carson and many other show people admit to this," she said.

"Being a perfectionist also makes life very difficult," said Mrs. Wellstead. She told students how she "appeared" to have a lot going for herself in school, but that like most adolescents, she was also influenced by her environment.

"Parents label adolescents and you put that into your self-concept. Teachers, principals, and friends can feed those feelings of inadequacy with teasing or unkind remarks. Drugs are another influence that can be very destructive," she added.

Mrs. Wellstead said she may have been suffering from a chemical imbalance that created her depressions and attempted suicides. She experienced these episodes in her life feeling totally alone and did not tell anyone about her feelings for many years afterwards.

She said her life had improved years later through her relationship with her husband and from a career in nursing. She told the seniors, "The thing to do is to get help when you feel there is no light at the end of the tunnel."

Ms. Leary discussed three areas: the knowledge of suicide, attitudes, and responsiveness.

She said clues of behavioral and verbal messages were signs of a potential suicide victim. She said a person should not accept the responsibility for working with someone who may be a potential suicide victim, but that once you were aware, you should get the person help in any way you could. Students suggested various people and places to seek help.

The attitudes of students towards people who have

attempted suicide, family members of victims, and about people who have completed suicide, were discussed between students and Ms. Leary.

She said, "Over 50 percent of adolescents who have attempted or completed suicide have been under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol when they did. It doesn't take courage to kill oneself; it takes courage to hang in there when you have a lot of negative things coming at you."

Ms. Leary remembered, "My brother and I found my father in the car, knowing that he killed himself when I was 18 years-old. It took me 20 years to be able to talk about it. My biggest fear in telling someone was that they were going to think I was crazy."

She added, "Some people are cruel; that's where attitudes come into play when suicide is involved. How would you respond to a person coming back to school knowing that the person's father, brother, or sister had committed suicide?"

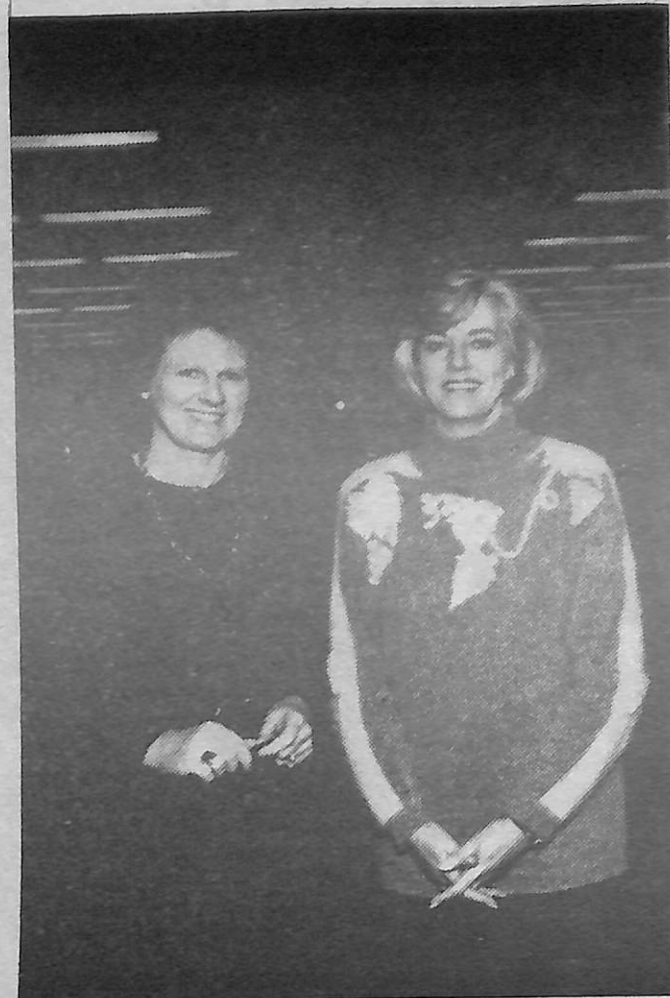
This led to a discussion on responsiveness. Ms. Leary noted, "Some students would be supportive by approaching that person and making his/her time in school a little easier. Some students might go to a school psychologist or guidance counselor to ask them to check on this person. Others might avoid the person, thinking they must be crazy."

Ms. Leary asked students what feelings this person might have, and students responded, "hurt, lost, confused, or embarrassed."

Ms. Leary said, "Suicide is really a cry for help. But they don't know how to ask for help. It is the second-leading cause of deaths among adolescents, with the first being accidents relating to drugs and alcohol."

She added, "When somebody comes to you and shares with you that they don't have the strength to go on, you can prevent a possible suicide death by getting the person some help."

"If we have somebody who is going to go with us (to seek help), it makes things a little easier. Sometimes just a note to someone who might be able to touch them. Negative attitudes in people who have developed suicidal feelings are common, so please remember that when things start changing, negatively, that's a pretty good indicator that something is happening."



CHERYL LEARY, school psychologist in Granby, and Diane Wellstead, psychiatric nurse in Springfield, spoke to AHS students about depression and suicide prevention. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nancy Nechenson Spends Thanksgiving With Family

Nancy Nechenson, a recent graduate of Holyoke Community College in Holyoke, and now attending Northeastern University in Boston, spent the Thanksgiving recess visiting friends and family in Feeding Hills.

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Sports

Turkey Tastes Great Again For West Side, 16-8

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

He spoiled the Turkey Day a year ago, and Mike Clements of West Springfield High School did it again last Thursday as the Terriers upended the Brownies of Agawam High 16-8 in the Annual Thanksgiving Day clash.

Clarke Field was the site of this year's rivalry renewal and West Side jumped out early and hung on for their third consecutive victory over Agawam. Clements raced for two first-half touchdowns to secure the win for West Springfield before 3,500 on a balmy Turkey Day morning.

The hosts were generous enough to give Agawam the football first, but the Brownies were three plays and a punt on their first possession and the Terriers roared up the field to take the lead with their first chance.

Agawam coach Dean Vecchiarelli will long remember that drive as the "Touchdown That Never Should Have Happened." It started when Clements took Keith Hargis' punt and ran it back 29 yards into Agawam territory. The Brownies hammered down Hialeah Johnson and Clements on the first two plays, and then self-destructed.

On third down and five from the Brownie 36, the Terriers threw an incomplete pass and would have had to punt. Instead, an overzealous Agawam pass rusher got in an extra shot on the West Side quarterback and the yellow hankie hit the gridiron.

That roughing penalty and a subsequent offsides call had West Springfield knocking at the door of the Agawam goal line. Two plays later, Clements skirted the left side and raced 13 yards for the first six points of the morning. The PAT was partially blocked and the home team led it 6-0.

Mike Sibilia motored to the 39 with the kickoff for Agawam and it set up shop in decent field position. Agawam staggered on its first two plays from scrimmage and made up for it on third down. Quarterback Mike Briggs rolled eight and converted a third and 16 with a nice hookup with Jon Maki at the midfield stripe.

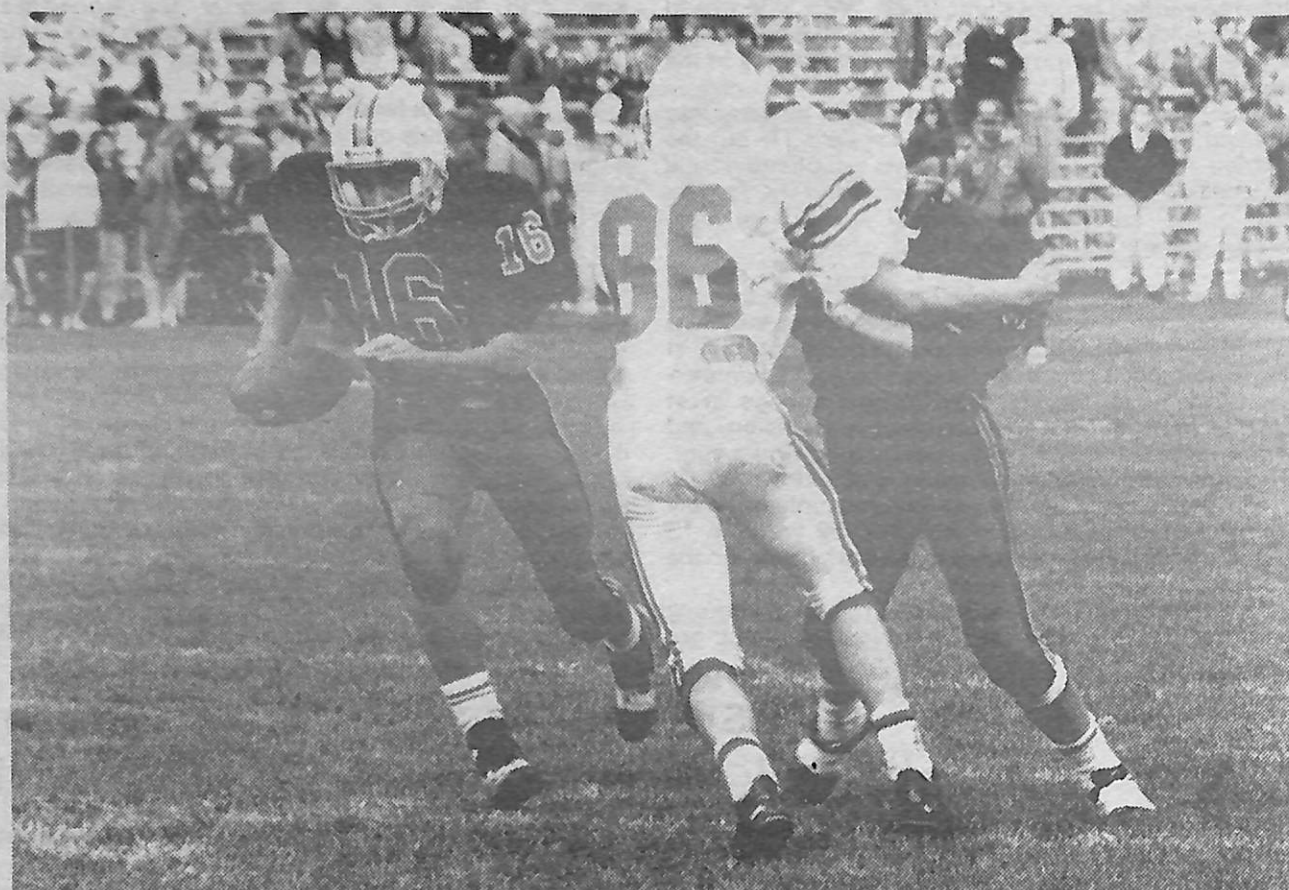
Then, just as quickly as positive momentum began to build, Agawam was guilty of holding on a third and second situation and was unable to make the necessary yardage. Hargis banged another punt downfield and Clements showed his excellent speed again.

The West Side speedstar took it 65 yards down the right sideline for six more, but it was called back for a clipping violation. Agawam had dodged a very big bullet. West Springfield complicated matters for itself by fumbling at the Agawam 35 on second down, and Stuart McGregor made them pay by falling on it for the Brownies.

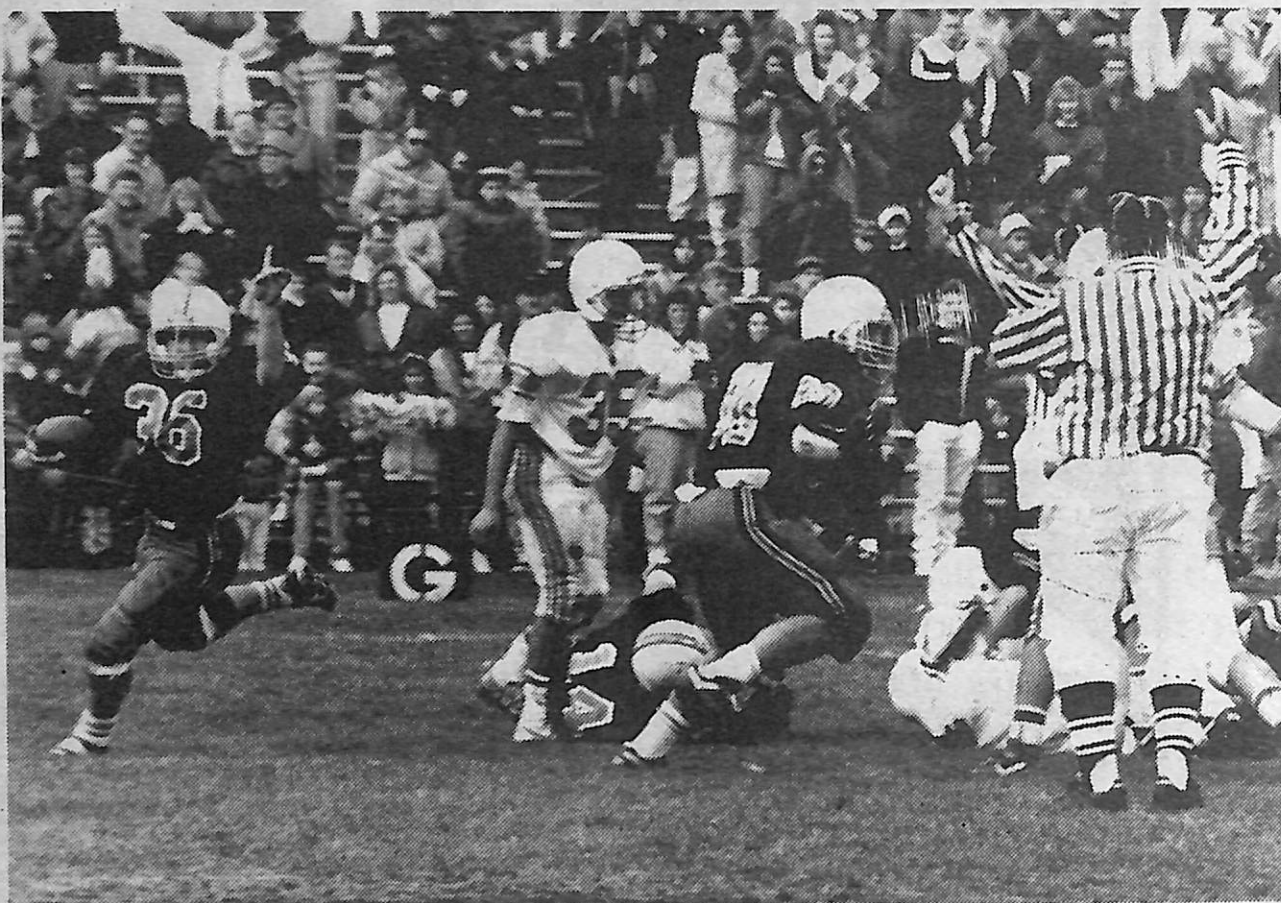
The Brownies picked up a first down behind the strong running of Chris Roy and then moved down near the Terrier 15 as Dave McKay showed his hard-running style for the first time in a few weeks. Agawam was facing a third and inches situation and appeared to be on its way to tying the ballgame—or perhaps taking the lead.

Roy was stacked up on third down and the Brownies were flagged for illegal procedure on fourth down. The drive was officially over when Briggs' jump pass was picked-off at the West Springfield 20 yard line.

Marcus Trinchini played a marvelous set of downs for Agawam as he made three straight tackles to force a Terrier punt with 3:30 to play in the first half. Agawam took possession at its own 40 yard line.



IN FIRST HALF ACTION ON THANKSGIVING MORNING, quarterback Mike Briggs turns upfield for a short gain after receiving a block from Nick Langone. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HAD REASON TO CELEBRATE after Dave McKay scores the Brownies only touchdown with 2:38 to go in the third quarter in a 16-8 loss to West Side at Clarke Field on Thanksgiving morning. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Hargis dropped back to punt. He took a good snap from center and booted the football. West Side was in on him quickly and blocked the ball to take over at the Agawam 28. That turned out to be a huge play in the ballgame.

Five plays later, Clements had fought his way into the end zone for six more. The four yard TD put the Terriers on top 12-0. Clements duplicated the touchdown on the conversion attempt and the Terriers had a 14-0 cushion with only 21 seconds to play. That's the way the half would end.

To say that Agawam looked a little different in the third quarter would be an understatement. The Brownies played perhaps their best period of football in 1990. Anthony Campiti got them started by hammering Clements on the first play from scrimmage. West Side didn't gain a yard on that possession and Agawam took the ball on its own 31 following a punt. The Brownies looked outstanding on the drive.

Mixing the pass and the run (and a couple of timely Terrier penalties), Agawam marched 69 yards in 13 plays to get on the scoreboard to get right back into the ballgame.

Dave McKay did the lion's share of the ball-carrying and Maki caught one pass for a third down (and got

more valuable yards by causing two pass interference penalties on balls thrown in his direction).

McKay slammed it across the goal line from the two with 2:38 to go in the quarter for Agawam's touchdown. Briggs ran a short side bootleg and cut it up for the two-point conversion to trim the margin to 14-6.

The Brownie defense did their job again as they punished West Side again and forced a punt after only a three-play drive. Even though momentum was solidly on its side, Agawam began to shoot itself repeatedly in the foot to keep West Side in the winner's circle.

It all began when they fumbled the punt—and, luckily, recovered it. Briggs was sacked on first down and was called for intentional grounding on second down. What had started out as a first down near midfield turned out to be a fourth down and 34 from their own 18.

The punt snap was high but true and Hargis allowed it to go through his hands. He scrambled after it and helped it go through the end zone for the safety. West Side led it by eight, 16-8. That was the kiss of death.

West Side didn't do any damage when it got the ball after the free kick (but did burn some clock). The Terriers began at the Agawam 40 and could only move to the Agawam 30. That took some doing since Agawam helped the drive along with a facemask penalty as well

as an offside penalty.

West Side tried to pin the Brownies deeper on its punt effort, but the Terrier punter managed only a six-yard punt. Agawam took over on its 24. Forced to throw the football, Briggs threw a short completion and two incompletions and Hargis had to punt again.

The defense made the big stops again and Agawam got the pigskin back at the Brownie 45 with 4:34 to go.

Following a couple more incompletions and a delay of game call, they looked at another fourth and long situation. Tommy Briggs broke free momentarily on the left sideline and yet was stopped at the 50 yard line. The ball went over on downs.

Clements sailed 36 yards for a sealing touchdown, but again a West Side penalty cost the junior a touchdown. They staggered around for a few more plays and had to give the Brownies one more chance. The punt pinned Agawam back at its own 14.

Two sacks and two incompletions spelled the end for Agawam. West Side took over at the Agawam six. To West Side's credit, it made no effort to score again. The hosts did the one-knee bend for a couple of plays and the gun went off.

I don't know what the gun might have hit, but there was still a turkey on my table when I got home. Mine tasted fine, but I'll bet it was a little bitter at the Vecchiarelli household.

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A Poem For AHS Football 1991

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Vecch knew they'd line up eleven on eleven
Three or four wins would put him in heaven.
He knew they would lose some; he'd take the blame
But the losses they piled up game after game.

He had followed the team since he was a kid
When the job came open, he put in his bid.
He was around for years as an assistant coach
He knew how to block, tackle and even encroach.

Pre-season brought concern about a young offensive
line

But he knew they couldn't learn riding the pine.
He expected the critics, he knew they couldn't wait
The only important thing was the win-loss slate.

Opening Day in Northampton, an absolute disaster
The Devils ran fast, and then they ran faster.
That team would ultimately go to the Super Bowl
Agawam's story still remained to be told.

The staff's hair greyer with each passing week
The road, it was uphill, like climbing Pike's Peak.
Some weeks were downers, others showed promise
They simply couldn't catch backs like Westbrook and Thomas.

They got off the deck, beat Comp on the road
Agawam made the plays, their pride it showed.
They wouldn't go winless, now they wanted more
But the rest of the season was spent on the floor.

Occasionally they would move the ball down the field
But so often behind, their fate would be sealed.
Finishing One and Nine was a most distressing fact
Yet next year will be better with the lineup intact.

They learned their lesson, this large group of tenth
graders
Who knows, in two years, they may look like the
Raiders.

Football's been Boss in this town through the ages
Vecchiarelli will have to bring 'em along in stages.

They'll be ready and raring early next Fall
This next group of Brownies will fire off the ball.
They'll recall the tough times, and there's been a bunch
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The Point After...

Hot Dogs Galore At West Side Game

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

I couldn't believe how many people were chowing on hot dogs and doughnuts at the ballgame. Seems to me when you are about to partake in the biggest meal of the year, you wouldn't want to load up. Of course, I was one of the many taking part in the Sausage and Pancake feast at a local gin mill prior to the start of the game. That's probably why I didn't grab a hot dog...

The biggest question of the day at the field was: Why was former Agawam High defensive coordinator GARY GEIGER walking around with his head shaved? Answer: DAVE BENOIT shaved his, so Gary shaved his. Logical? No. True? Yes...

Can you imagine taking a person that had never seen football before to the game? You explain to him that if somebody can take the ball and run over the goal line with it, that person's team would score six points for each time that they got into the end zone.

Fair enough, right? Well, how about MIKE CLEMENTS? The West Side tailback/punt returner got into the end zone five times on the day. Five times six means 30 points, right? Wrong, gravy breath—Clements only tallied 14 points.

He was credited with two touchdowns and one two-point conversion. He had two TD's called back, one for a clip and another for holding. So you would have had to do some explaining...

Junior DAVE MCKAY was a standout performer during the game. His low to the ground, bash straight ahead running was key to the Agawam chances in the game...

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Enthusiasm High For Annual West Side Rally



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH cheerleaders entertain the crowd at the West Side Rally with their pyramid. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam put themselves behind the eight ball with some poor decisions that cost valuable yardage and, on at least one occasion, possession of the ball. Also, Agawam caught a few breaks.

MIKE BRIGGS was hustling off the field on a punt return play in the first quarter. He was at least 20 yards from the sideline when the ball was snapped, yet no flag was thrown. Another time, Briggs fumbled while being chased in the backfield and the referee ruled down by contact. It was deep in Agawam territory and it could have really hurt the Brownies...

It was mistakenly reported here last week that West Side had not won three straight Thanksgiving games in its history. I have now been informed that West Side actually beat Agawam in 1960-61-62...

McKay wears number 36 and Agawam's other tailback wears 35. CHRIS ROY began the game as the feature back and the West Springfield PA announcer didn't realize it when McKay replaced him later in the ballgame. Many of McKay's third-quarter runs were credited to Roy at the field. The announcer knew who McKay was by the time that the junior blasted home for the touchdown late in the drive...

Methinks that following the safety that put Agawam behind by eight points, an unblockable mindset set in on the Agawam side. The play occurred on the first play of the fourth quarter. Prior to that, Agawam trailed only by a touchdown.

The Brownies knew that they could score a touchdown and then win it with an extra point. Once West Springfield went up by eight, the best Agawam could do was tie unless they scored twice. It probably played a huge part in the psyche of the kids (and the coaches) late in the ballgame...

One thing to consider when assessing the Agawam season was how many times that they might have been hurt by the fiscal crunch here in our state. Consider



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Gridiron Moms donned pom poms to cheer on their sons at the Annual West Side Rally on Wednesday, November 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS are encouraged by the crowd during the Annual West Side Rally at the school on Wednesday, November 21st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

this: Agawam played much, much better football late in ballgames this year. As the season progressed, the Brownies often played their best football after digging an early hole for themselves.

It is a little known fact that the games were shortened dramatically this season. Following a referee's contract dispute prior to the season, the games were reduced from 12-minute quarters to 10-minute quarters. That shaved eight minutes off the football game. Seems the Brownies ran out of time against Greenfield, against West Springfield, and maybe against Longmeadow. It's just something to think about as the long winter approaches...

Head coach DEAN VECCHIARELLI was disap-

pointed in the season, yet is looking forward to next year: "We were young and we have a long way to go. We must block and tackle better next year, and our young personnel must make big strides in their development. Our biggest concern is our linemen, and that will be an area that will be stressed even more next season."

OK, MIKE MARTIN, now it is basketball season...

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

Rivalry Born During Weekend Of Rivalries

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

This past weekend, we had the Eagles and the Giants. We had Notre Dame and USC. The Niners played the Rams. We had Thanksgiving and all the high school rivalries that take place.

College football served us Virginia-Virginia Tech, Arizona-Arizona State, Michigan-Ohio State, and Pittsburgh-Penn State. You would have to go quite a distance to find a rivalry that could outdo any of the above.

And yet, this might have been the weekend that one of the hottest rivalries in sports began—the Boston Bruins and the Hartford Whalers. Ardent fans are now checking their schedules to see when the next time they'll play one another.

It was obviously a natural rivalry when the Whalers entered the league. Travel the Mass Pike from North Station and a short ways on I-91 and you can connect the two buildings. Only a hundred miles of real estate had to be traversed to renew hostilities. Still, the rivalry never came to pass.

Despite the fact that the teams both played in the same division, Boston and their fans never took the Whale seriously. Boston had rivalries with the Canadiens, the Sabres, and the Rangers that easily had the edge over any acquaintances with the Whalers, their red-headed stepchildren to the west and south.

A friend of mine has Whaler season tickets. I only see him at the Christmas holidays. We usually talk for about two minutes about the Whalers and then I laugh about his favorite team. I couldn't imagine spending the kind of money that he does to watch mediocrity at

regular intervals. He remained loyal and looked for a day when his diligence would pay dividends.

The Whalers have had some good hockey players. They have been blessed with some talent, some speed, and some goaltending. They have extended several Adams Division series to seven games and are a foe not to be taken lightly. They are also looked upon as an expansion team.

I can't get it out of my mind that the organist plays "High Hopes" when the Whalers go on the power play at the Civic Center. In contrast, musicians in other arenas might opt to play something along the lines of "We Will Rock You."

They don't play in the Steel City, or the Hub, or in the Great White North. No, the Whalers play in the Insurance City. Guys with no teeth will intimidate you; insurance salesmen won't.

So the home and home series between the B's and the Whale last Friday and Saturday could have become a routine affair. The Bruins have climbed swiftly to the top of the Adams Division, several points ahead of Les Canadiens.

The Bruins tried early in the campaign to be slick scoring machines. That was a far cry from their well-known "muck-it-up" style. After being pounded from pillar to post for a couple of games, the Causeway Street gang returned to the corners and returned to the digging. It didn't surprise many that they returned to the top, either.

The Whalers had stumbled along early and became the scourge of the wise-guys on the radio and televi-

sion. They had recently rebounded to put together a rather quiet six-game unbeaten string. They were playing well.

The first game was at the Boston Garden, a rare Friday afternoon start. Though skating fairly well, the Whalers fell behind 3-0. There seemed little chance that they could rebound with a trio of third-period goals. But, the Bruins got a little rambunctious with some nasty stickwork by Cam Neely and John Carter.

The Whalers, led by high-flying Ron Francis, got energized on a lengthy power play and actually scored four consecutive goals and won the hockey game 4-3. The action got so hot and heavy that both of the head coaches tried to climb the glass separating the benches to get at one another.

The next night, as fate would have it, the same two teams put on their skates and came after one another in Hartford. I remember a local radio station trying to give away tickets to the game earlier in the month. It was safe to say that the phone lines didn't get burned up in the process. Only the hard-core were interested.

Again, the Bruins bolted to a 3-0 lead. Again, the tempers flared and the ice was filled with sticks and gloves as the players milled around. And, of course, the Whalers came back again. The Bruins managed to pull out a 4-3 win on that night. But, the weekend will be remembered for a long time. It will be a weekend in which a rivalry was actually born.

And, hopefully, there will come a time when the rivalry actually means something to both teams simultaneously...

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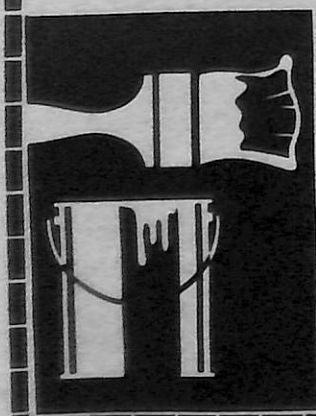
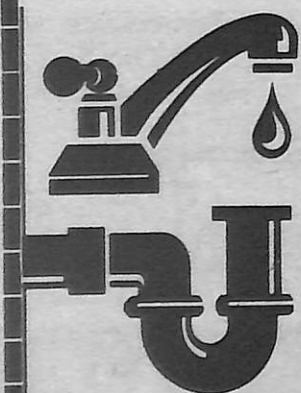
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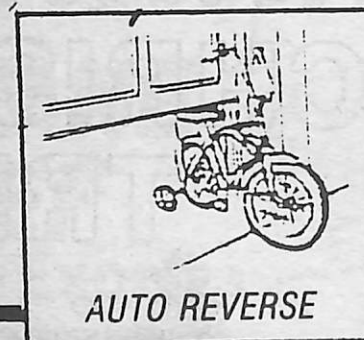


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Sports A La Carte...

Jack Misses 4-Footer; Who Needs 3?

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

OK, it's Honesty Day. Raise your hands now. How many of you felt so much better when JACK NICKLAUS missed that four-footer on the final hole of the Skins Game to cost himself all that money. He couldn't have tried any harder if it had been the same two-dollar Nassau that we play for and he whacked it wide just like us. I loved it...

In this month's *Sport Magazine*, long-time baseball man JIMMY REESE remembers when a frustrated BABE RUTH stuck him in a locker and told him to stay there until Babe hit a homer. Ruth was in a long drought. While Reese stayed in the locker (??), Ruth hit two homers. It became a ritual for four straight days while the Bambino stayed on his streak. Mother, Mc-Cree.

Look for big, big years from ELLIOT PERRY of Memphis State and MALIK SEALY of St. John's in college hoop. Another favorite of mine is the Big O, OLIVER MILLER of Arkansas...For those of you looking for a "clutch" team when the Bowls roll around, try UCLA. The Bruins were 7-1 in bowls in the Eighties. Oh, the Bruins didn't make it to a bowl this year? Never mind...

They're going to give out the Heisman this weekend and I'm afraid that my man, TY DETMER, is not going to get it. Dang Notre Dame and all that hype. The Rocket is tough and awesome at times, I agree, but that week-in and week-out TV exposure is deciding the balloting again...Trivia: Three college football teams won back-to-back national championships in the 1940's. Can you name them? Answer below...

TERRY BRADSHAW said it was the best block he ever saw in all his years of football. PEPPER JOHNSON of the New York Giants probably agrees.

Johnson ought to know, as he was the recipient of a crushing open-field block by Eagle running back KEITH BYARS last week in the Eagle-Giant game in Philly. All the nation watched as Johnson was sent flying by the ferocious hit by Byars.

Now, how about a little spice to the story. Johnson and Byars were college roommates, and Pepper was the best man at Byars' wedding. Mozoltov...

Remember the week that Colorado went back to Number One in the college football polls. It was the week that they pounded Kansas State 64-3. A total of 114 players were used in that game. That's a bunch, wouldn't you say?...Prior to their Monday Night game with the Raiders, the Dolphins hadn't given up a rushing touchdown in 24 quarters, or any kind of touchdown in 12 quarters. It wasn't that long ago that Mr. DAN MORINO had to throw the ball 50 times a game just to keep his sorry team with the porous defense in the ballgame. Now that they can stop somebody, they are a legitimate contender in the AFC...

I figure it was the inimitable MYRON COPE that hung the nickname on him, but I don't know for sure. Who's "him"? It's rookie sensation ERIC GREEN of the Steelers. The huge, young, and very productive tight end has been dubbed "The U.S. Steel Building" by the Pittsburgh media...When USC and UCLA got together a couple of weeks ago, they scored a mere 42 points in the fourth quarter!...

Trivia Answer: Notre Dame won the National Cham-

pionship back-to-back in '46 and '47; Army turned the trick, oddly enough, in the war years of 1944 and 1945; and this generation might never believe that Minnesota won the whole enchilada in both 1940 and 1941...Going into this week's action, JOHN ELWAY of Denver has thrown every single one of this season's interceptions in the fourth quarter. I can't figure what is wrong with that team. Figure this, though; they will come through and beat the Raiders this weekend at Mile High. I feel most certain of that...

Allow me to sneak in one of my favorite sports names here. How about BERNARD BASHAM, a special team's player for Virginia Tech's Hokies. It was funny, too, because the only reason I noticed him is because he bashed the heck out of a Virginia player on a kickoff return. Yes, we need more Bernard Basham's around...In 10 of the last 14 games, the Forty Niners have scored in the last two minutes of the first half...

The Houston Oilers do not have a tight end on their roster, and why would they as long as they can perform under that Run and Shoot format. That thing is awesome when it is clicking. Weird that most teams have three tight ends on the field when they face third and short, the Oilers simply throw the ball down the field...

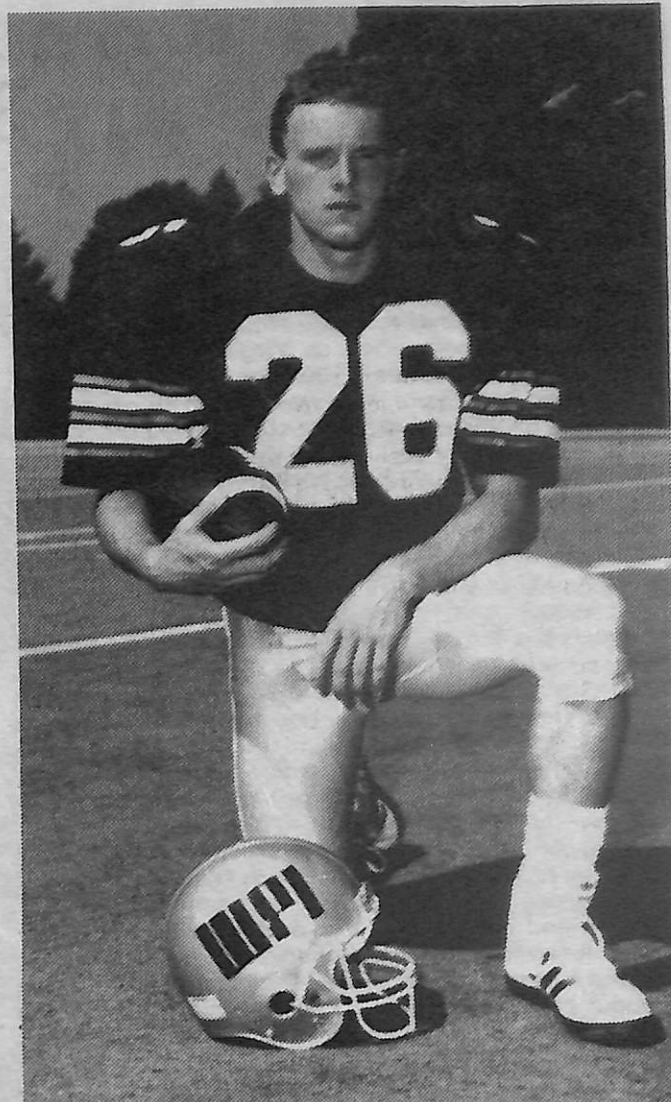
Laugh at the Lakers now because they will be around in May (and probably June). Magic is still the Man out west. Portland sure got out of the box fast though, eh?...Sure didn't hear much about OTTIS ANDERSON last Sunday. The ageless Giant running back was simply taken right out of the game play by the punishing Eagle defense. The Giants may beat the Niners next week, but bet the house that they would sweat out any playoff match with the guys who play near the Liberty Bell...

You can have all the other letters in the alphabet, but I'll take "M" when choosing up sides in any match regarding NFL quarterback selections. I'll take MARINO, MOON, and MONTANA. You can have the rest from "A" to "Z"...Remember when Virginia was Number One; seems ridiculous now, doesn't it?

The Detroit Red Wings have two goaltenders this year—ALAIN CHEVRIER and TIM CHEVELDAE. The Motor City punsters are now saying that the Wings have two Chevys in the garage and don't know which one will start. I bet that the Detroit press has a lot more fun with JOHN SALLEY and the Pistons...

In the Celtics' first 11 three-point tries this season, they made but one. KEVIN MCHALE is the guy who connected. LARRY BIRD was 0-1 during that stretch. Last season, the Bird man threw up 22 in the first seven games, making only three. Through those games, Boston was shooting 52.9 percent from the field. Who needs the three?!...

Check this out: ORLANDO WOOLRIDGE is averaging 29.3 PPG, WALTER DAVIS 25.3, and TODD LICHTI 19.3. All three play for Denver and none of them is listed on the All-Star ballot. Hmmm...*Inside Sports'* Good Doctor had a great line this week when he was asked what PETE ROSE can get for his memorabilia these days: "Three packs of cigarettes, or sometimes an extra dessert."...



FORMER AGAWAM HIGH FOOTBALL STAR Jason Wooley is now starring for W.P.I.

Wooley Completes Fine Freshman Grid Season

Freshman running back Jason Wooley had one terrific football season at W.P.I. Thanks to an invincible front line, opening holes time and again the speedster set six new Worcester Polytechnic Institute records during the season.

Points in a season, 116; total yards rushing in a season, 1,283; total yards in a game, 311; most points scored in a single game, 26; most carries in a game, 45; most rushing attempts in a season, 209.

In addition to the new records entered at W.P.I., Jason was announced "Rookie of the Year," and made first team All-New England Conference, Division III.

A banquet will be held in December to honor all the Divisions' award winners for this past football season.

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AAA Piranhas Open 1990-91 Winter Season

The Agawam AA Piranhas competitive swim team held their first meet of the winter season on November 17th, at the Agawam Junior High School against the Springfield Sharks. The results included the following accomplishments:

BOYS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Jeff Robinson, Michael Thomas, Brian Pedersen, and Jeffrey Rivkin placed first in the 100-yard relay.

Finishing second in the 100-yard freestyle relay was the team of Chris Fields, Michael Thomas, Brian Forsman, and Jeffrey Rivkin.

In the 25-yard freestyle, Jeffrey Rivkin placed first, Brian Forsman, second, and Thomas Casiello, third.

Brian Pedersen placed first in the 25-yard butterfly. Jeffrey Rivkin finished second in the 50-yard freestyle.

Thomas Casiello placed first in the 25-yard backstroke.

Michael Thomas placed first in the 25-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 8 & UNDER:

The team of Laura Bucalo, Krista Page, Caitlin Weisgerber, and Allison Pisano placed second in the 100-yard medley relay.

Caitlin Weisgerber placed second in the 100 yard individual medley.

Finishing second in the 100-yard freestyle relay was the team of Laura Bucalo, Amanda Fox, Hillary Golas, and Allison Pisano.

Krista Page placed first and Allison Pisano, third, in the 25-yard freestyle.

Krista Page placed first in the 25-yard butterfly.

Katlyn Pisano placed third in the 50-yard freestyle.

Laura Bucalo, second in 25-yard backstroke.

Caitlin Weisgerber, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 9-10:

The team of Eric Pedersen, Brendan Kilrain, James Crowley, and Brian Gallagher placed first in the 200-yard medley.

James Crowley placed second, and David Thomas, third, in the 100-yard individual medley.

Finishing first in the 200-yard freestyle relay was the team of Chris Gaffney, Brendan Kilrain, Eric Pedersen, and David Thomas.

Michael Grant, first in 50-yard freestyle and in 100-yard freestyle.

David Thomas, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Eric Pedersen, first in 50-yard backstroke.

Brendan Kilrain, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Dawn Bucalo, Danielle DeForge, Jennifer Modzelesky, and Kimberly Sullivan placed second; the team of Jessica Jensen, Katie Kilrain, Trina Bowler, and Kelly Robinson finished third.

Danielle DeForge placed third in the 100-yard individual medley.

Finishing second in the 200-yard freestyle relay was the team of Katie Theroux, Trina Bowler, Darcy Bates, and Kelly Robinson.

Kimberly Sullivan placed first in the 50-yard freestyle and in the 100-yard freestyle.

Jennifer Modzelesky, first in the 50-yard butterfly.

Jessica Jensen, second in the 50-yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, second, and Katie Kilrain, third in the 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 11-12:

Michael Robinson placed first in the 50-yard freestyle and in the 100-yard freestyle.

GIRLS 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay the team of Rachel

Niemiec, Eileen Daly, Sara Pliska, and Kristine Modzelesky placed second; the team of Patricia Olson, Tara Rivkin, Natalie Piccin, and Danielle Sexton placed third.

Rachel Niemiec, first, and Kristine Modzelesky, second in the 50-yard freestyle.

Kristine Modzelesky, first, and Eileen Daly, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Patricia Olson, first in 100-yard freestyle, and second in 50-yard backstroke.

Sarah Pliska, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Finishing second in the 200-yard freestyle relay was the team of Jody Bulat, Danielle Sexton, Christie Nadar, and Natalie Piccin.

BOYS 13-14:

Jonathan David placed first in 50-yard backstroke and third in 50-yard breaststroke.

GIRLS 13-14:

The team of Christina Olson, Jessica Crowley, Amy Hume, and Lexa Page finished second in the 200-yard medley relay.

Jessica Crowley finished second in the 200-yard individual medley.

Lexa Page, first, and Christina Olson, third in the 50-yard freestyle.

Amy Hume, second in 50-yard butterfly.

Lexa Page, first, and Amy Hume, second in 100-yard freestyle.

Christina Olson, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Heather Pliska, second, and Jessica Crowley, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

BOYS 15-18:

Alan Niemiec, second in 200-yard individual medley.

Alan Niemiec, first, and Stephen Lewis, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Stephen Lewis, first in the 100-yard butterfly.

G-Town Continues To Lead Parish Bowling

After two weeks of rolling in Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, Georgetown (our struggling cellar-dwellers of Round One) continue to lead the parade with eight wins, closely followed by Boston College (7 wins), another team that finished with little distinction in Round One.

Feeling the wrath of G-Town in week two was last place Holy Cross (1 win) in a clean sweep. G-Town winners included JERRY ALLEN, SR. (289), FRANK CERPOVICZ (299-296 over his wife, TERRY CERPOVICZ of HC), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (301). Debbie defeated HC captain LARRY VIENS, the leading roller in Men's Class AA at 106.7 (296 for the night). Actually, it was a rather lackluster battle between the two captains as Debbie sports an average of 106.27. The only HC winner was leadoff LISA ALLEN (268).

Boston College stopped a good Notre Dame team (10th place-2 wins), which is again getting off to an awful start (as it did in Round One). BC took three wins.

BC winners included MISSY BARR (251) and captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL (361), who completely devastated ND captain FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO (274). Moccio came into this match as the second leading roller in the entire league behind "The Hammer," but on this night, "The Tank" was made of marshmallow. He slipped to third place in the Men's Open Class at 108.11, while "The Hammer" is now at 117.26.

ND did have two winners. TOM "Timber" BURR hit a 297 and third roller ANN O'CONNELL connected on a 301 (her average is now at 100.16, good for third

place in the Women's Open Class).

Third place St. Mary (5 wins) and fourth place St. Anselm (5 wins) hooked-up and ended in a split, two wins each.

St. Mary's winners were JIM "MAC" MCNAMEE (329) and captain JOHN PROVOST (360). The two St. A's winners were MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (276) and "Steady" EDDIE GALLERANI (298). Maybeth, by the way, says she was hosting some Irish gals from the old country and that might be the reason for her strong score. "Steady Eddie," by the way, leads the Men's Division B in rolling at 94.17. St. A's captain BRIAN OSBORNE, despite being defeated by Provost, had a good night with a 342. Provost, incidentally, is now in second place in the Men's Open Class at 108.16. Osborne is at 104.12 in the Men's Class AAA (fourth place).

Fifth place Loyola (5 wins) and 11th place Catholic University (2 wins) also were even-steven in their match-up, two wins each. CU winners were DEBBIE GEORGE (281) and leadoff CHRIS STEPANIAN (246). Loyola was led by STEP STEPANIAN (304-top roller in Men's Class A at 96.6) and captain STEVE ROVITHIS (332). Rovithis has been on a strong roll lately. He stopped CU captain RICH SNYDER (310). Rolling well in a loss to Debbie George was Loyola's CHRIS BUKOWSKI (277).

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After a shaky opening week, St. Louis (6th place-5 wins) raced up the ladder at the expense of 8th place St. Michael (3 wins), four wins to none. St. Lou winners were ESTHER DEPALO (275), JEAN BUONICONTI (very strong 308-Jean is at 92.14 in Women's Class AA), PAUL LAGODITZ (302), and captain LOU MULDREW (323). Muldrew defeated substitute captain LOU MASSOIA (307). Muldrew is now at 106.25, good for first place in Men's Class AAA.

On a sad note, veteran St. Mike's captain FRED MORASSI was forced into retirement from the lanes for this year due to illness. He will be replaced by BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE.

In the final match of the night, last year's Grand Champions, Fordham (7th place-3 wins), took Round One champ Villanova (9th place-2 wins) over the hurdles, three wins to one.

Fordham winners were STELLA BARBIERI (246-244 over KIM ALLEN), BARBARA HOWARD (278-276 over SANDY PRZESZLO), JOHN MLINEK (281), and captain OLLIE MULDREW (344-316 over "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM). "Jungle Jim" sits at 106.1 in Men's Class AAA (second place), while Ollie (brother of Lou Muldrew) is at 104.14 (third place). Both "Jungle Jim" and Ollie would sure love to overtake Lou for the top dog honors in Men's Class AAA.

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| Gervais' Cosmos | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Collins' Astros | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| LeClair's Hellions | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Mullaney's Bluejays | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 |

GIRLS UNDER 12

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| Serra's Stingers | 9 | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| Schutt's Hellions | 9 | 2 | 1 | 19 |
| Sexton's Astros | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7 |
| Lanier's Bombers | 0 | 11 | 1 | 1 |

CO-ED UNDER 14

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| Mouneimneh's Kickers | 7 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Copson's Cosmos | 6 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| DeBonville's Bombers | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| Belisle's Astros | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Jim & Tom's Hellions | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |

CO-ED UNDER 17

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| Phaneuf's Cosmos | 9 | 0 | 1 | 19 |
| Knodler's Hellions | 5 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Sheehan's Strikers | 2 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| Bruyette's Bombers | 1 | 8 | 1 | 3 |

BOYS UNDER 10

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| LeClair's Fire | 9 | 2 | 1 | 19 |
| Pearson's Rad Royals | 7 | 2 | 3 | 17 |
| Gaffney's Green Machine | 7 | 3 | 2 | 16 |
| Whitford's Hellions | 3 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
| Mullaney's Blues Bombers | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 |
| Peltier's Devils | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| Chretien's Cosmos | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 |

BOYS UNDER 12

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| McLean's Gladiators | 4 | 1 | 3 | 11 |
| Martin's Mashers | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Sexton's Devils | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Kellogg's Hellions | 2 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Skowrya's Blue Eagles | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5 |

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



How ridiculous can it get? Mark Poirier of Feeding Hills was hunting his favorite ridge in Sandisfield when a hunter dressed in red approached him while he was in his stand. The hunter did not have a gun or bow with him. This was the last week of the bow season. He looked up at Mark and said, "You won't see any deer on this ridge for a while." "Why do you say that," asked Mark. "We are from the Eastern part of the state and gun-hunt here every year. We don't sit and wait for a deer to walk up. We hold drives. In fact, we have just held a practice drive this morning on this ridge and moved some big bucks."

Mark was enraged and told the fellow so. It didn't make an impression.

We can blame the above directly on the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The past two years the division has opened the gun season on the Monday following the bow season. It used to be the first Monday of the first full week in December. This gave the deer a chance to forget the disturbance of human smell in the woods, increased the chance of having snow the first week of the gun season, and let the bowhunter have his full last week of the season without being disrupted by other hunters who are planning to gun hunt.

To top it off, the division's braintrust have opened fall turkey hunting on the last week of the bow season. It is not fair. The last week is known for the rut of deer to be at its peak. It is a shambles with turkey hunters roaming through the woods, gun hunters practicing for gun week, and bear hunters running the oak ridges in hopes of bumping into a bear.

How did the bowhunter wind up so low on the totem pole? Why doesn't the division open the fall turkey hunt the last week of October when other birds are being hunted at the same time?

Dom Tangredi shot a nice fat turkey and I heard that he was going to have it for Thanksgiving dinner. Lance Poirier missed one with the bow when a group of turkeys came under his stand.

I bagged a nice buck Thanksgiving day afternoon. A friend in Southwick butchered it for me and did a very fine job. If any of you hunters are successful and want the same service, give me a call at 786-5539.

I want to thank Barb's Bait for opening up at 6:30 p.m. and processing my license and weighing the buck. They had closed at 4:00 p.m. I owe them. I didn't get my deer out of the woods till 5:30 p.m. It was a struggle and I finally wound up using a toboggan (which made the task a lot easier).

My brother, Ray, and our cousin, Roland Rushby, scouted Sunday for a good spot to sit Monday morning (opening day of the gun season). Ray set a milk case between two deer runs on a ridge. It was agreed that Roland would occupy the stand. Roland made his way to the stand early in the morning and was almost shocked out of his hunting suit when a large buck broke and jumped over the downside of the ridge. The monster was standing right beside the crate. Roland is convinced that it is a good sign and he will get a buck this week. We hope so.

I met Clyde Light at Mrs. Murphy's Donut Shop in Southwick one morning, and he showed me a large rack from the buck he bagged in northern New York State. He hunted hard through snow, broke ice on the river they had to cross to get to their hunting area, and then dragged three bucks back to camp. Isn't hunting a lot of fun?

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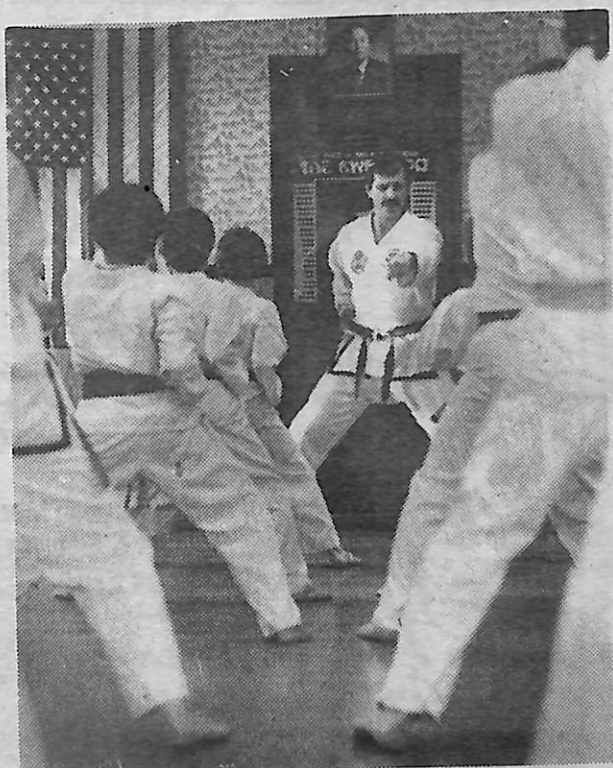
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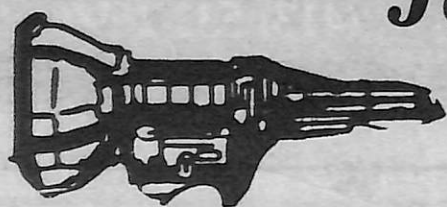
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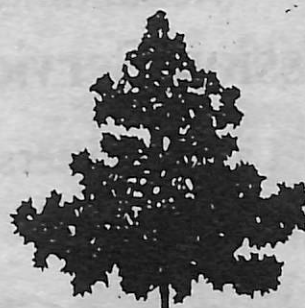
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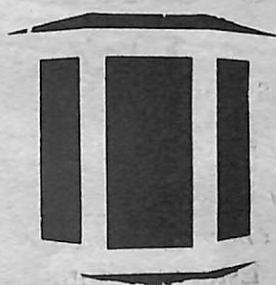
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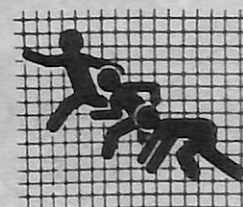
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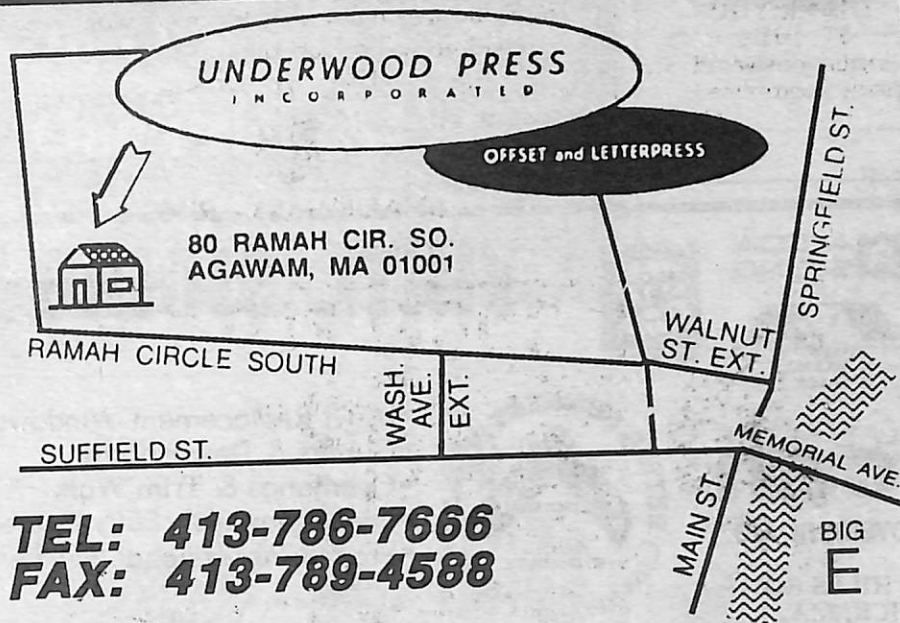
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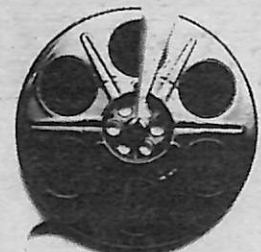
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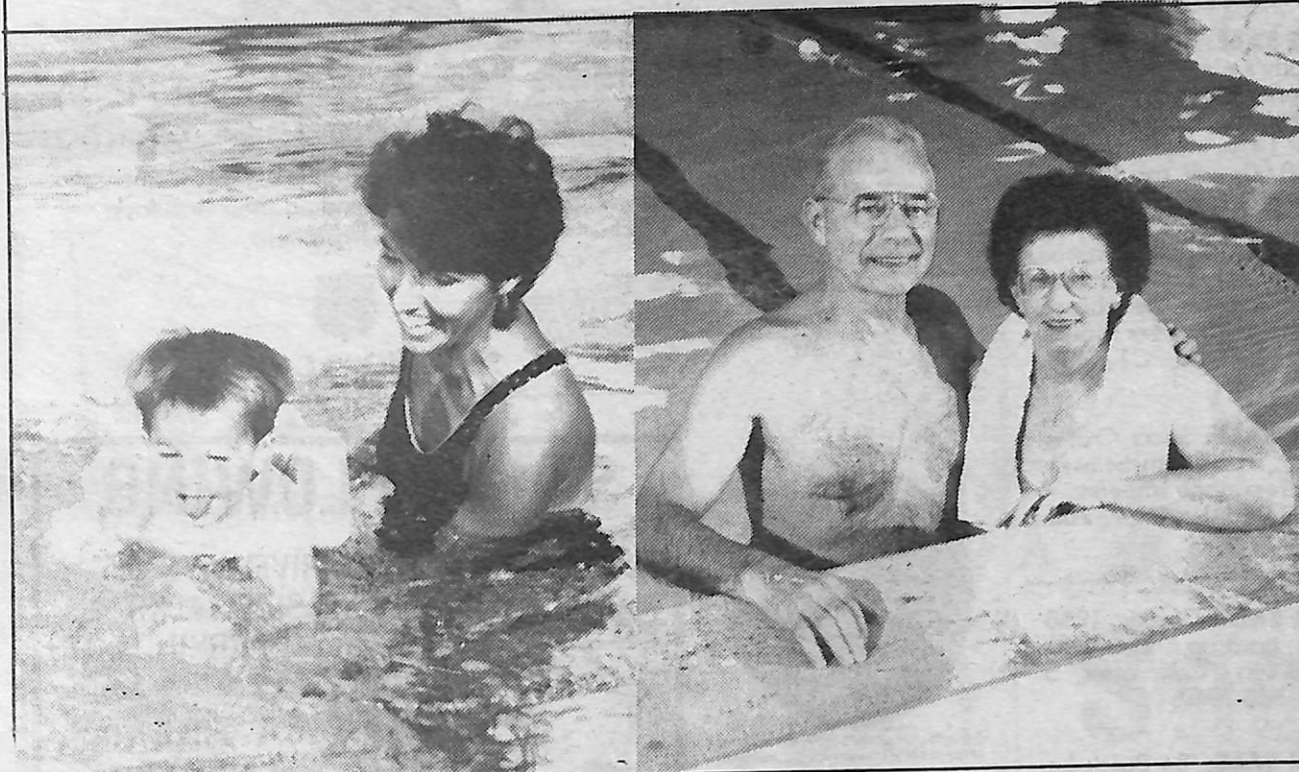
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